







Housepets!

One Cat's Treasure . . .

OUR FIRST TASK IS
TO LEARN WHEN AND
WHERE THE DELIVERY
WILL BE . . . YES,
TRUCK?

FALSTAFF,
HOW COME WE
ALWAYS GOTTA
STEAL, HUH?

WHAT'S A NON-
ENCLOSURE?

IT'S IN OUR
GENIES! WE ARE,
AFTER THE SCIENTIFIC
NON-ENCLOSURE, **PRO-
CON LOOTERS**

THAT'S ANY PLACE
THAT'S NOT INSIDE, OR
ENCLOSED, SEE? IT
MEANS WE'RE NOT
DOMESTICS

I SHOULD
KNOWN! I WISH I
WAS AS SMART
AS YOU, FALS

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ONE BUMPY
UNDERCARRIAGE
RIDE LATER

GOOD, HE LEFT
THE KEYS IN! YOU DO
STEERING, I'LL WORK
PEDALS

FALS, I CAN'T
DRIVE A TRUCK!

ISN'T YOUR
NAMESAKE CAUSE
YOU TOOK A TRUCK
HERE FROM
OREGON?

YEAH, ON
ITS GRILL

WELL I CAN'T
DO IT, I NEVER
LEARNED HOW TO
DRIVE STICK

OH, I
KNOW WHAT
TO DO!

TRUCK? YOU'RE
MUCH SMARTER
THAN I GIVE YOU
CREDIT





THEY'RE
GONE! QUICK,
GRAB SOME AND
GET BACK
HERE!

TRUCK

TRUCK,
STOP DOING
THAT!

GET
BACK HERE,
SOMEONE'S
COMING!

YOU
IDIOT!

I'M
SORRY, I
CAN'T HELP
IT!

WHATEVER! I'LL
COME WITH YOU THIS
TIME TO MAKE SURE
YOU DON'T SCREW
THIS UP!

WASH

WASH

WASH
WASH
WASH



MAX, YOU CAN'T
EXPECT ALL THESE
PARTIES TO BE
PERFECT

I HAVE A REPUTATION
TO UPKEEP! HOW CAN I BE
THE MYSTERIOUS SEMI-FERAL
WITH A LOW-KEY MIXED
SPECIES PARTY?

HEY MAX, THESE
RACCOONS WERE OUT SULKING
AROUND THE BACK FENCE. SINCE
NOBODY INFORMED ME THIS WAS A
CARNIVORE PARTY, I'M GIVING
THEM MY SHARE OF THE
CRAWFISH

HOW ABOUT BY
INVITING REAL
FERALS?

YOU LOOK
DISTRESSINGLY
FAMILIAR

I THINK I
CAN SPIN
THIS

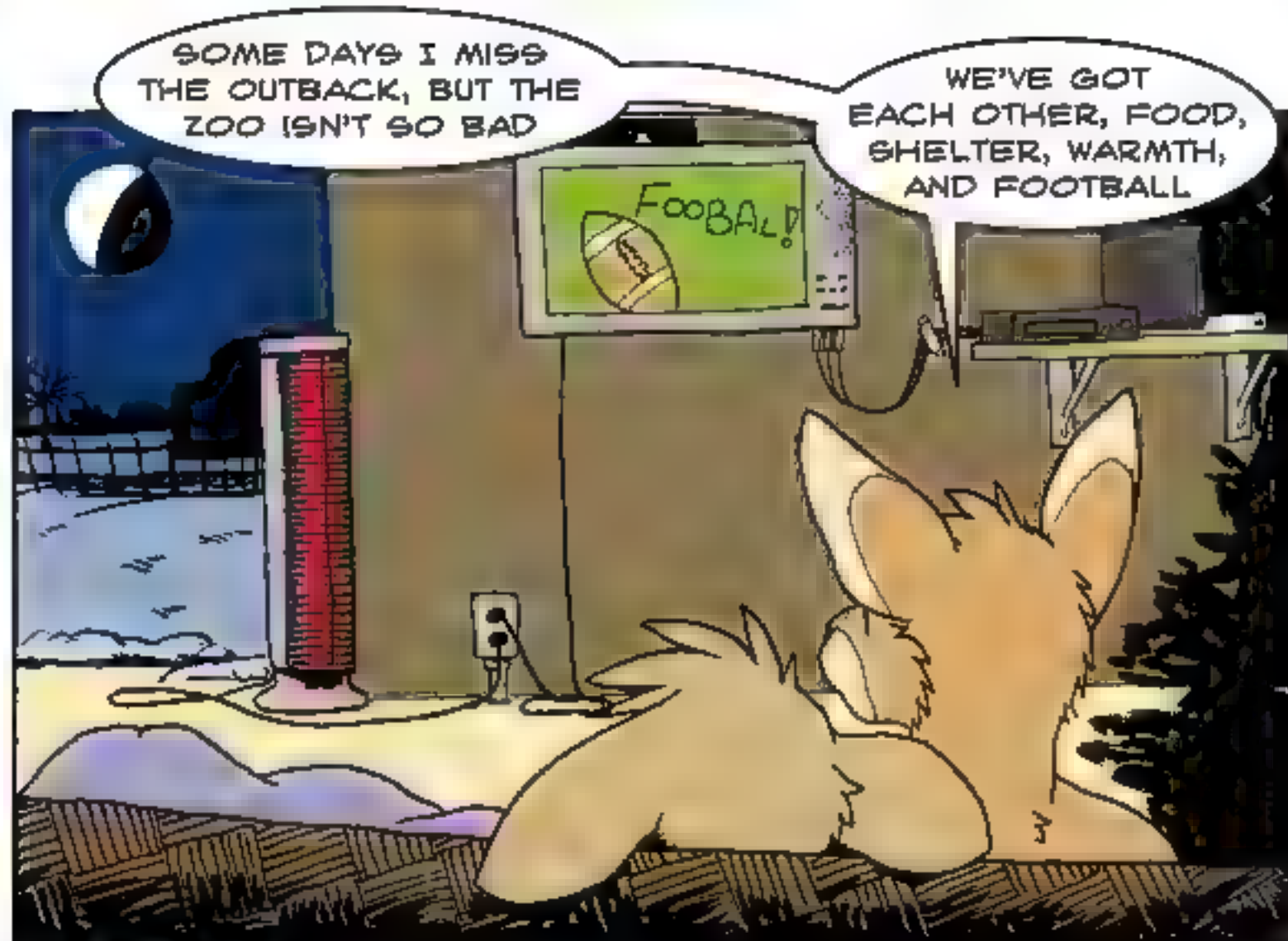
YOU GUYS
WASHED THESE,
RIGHT?



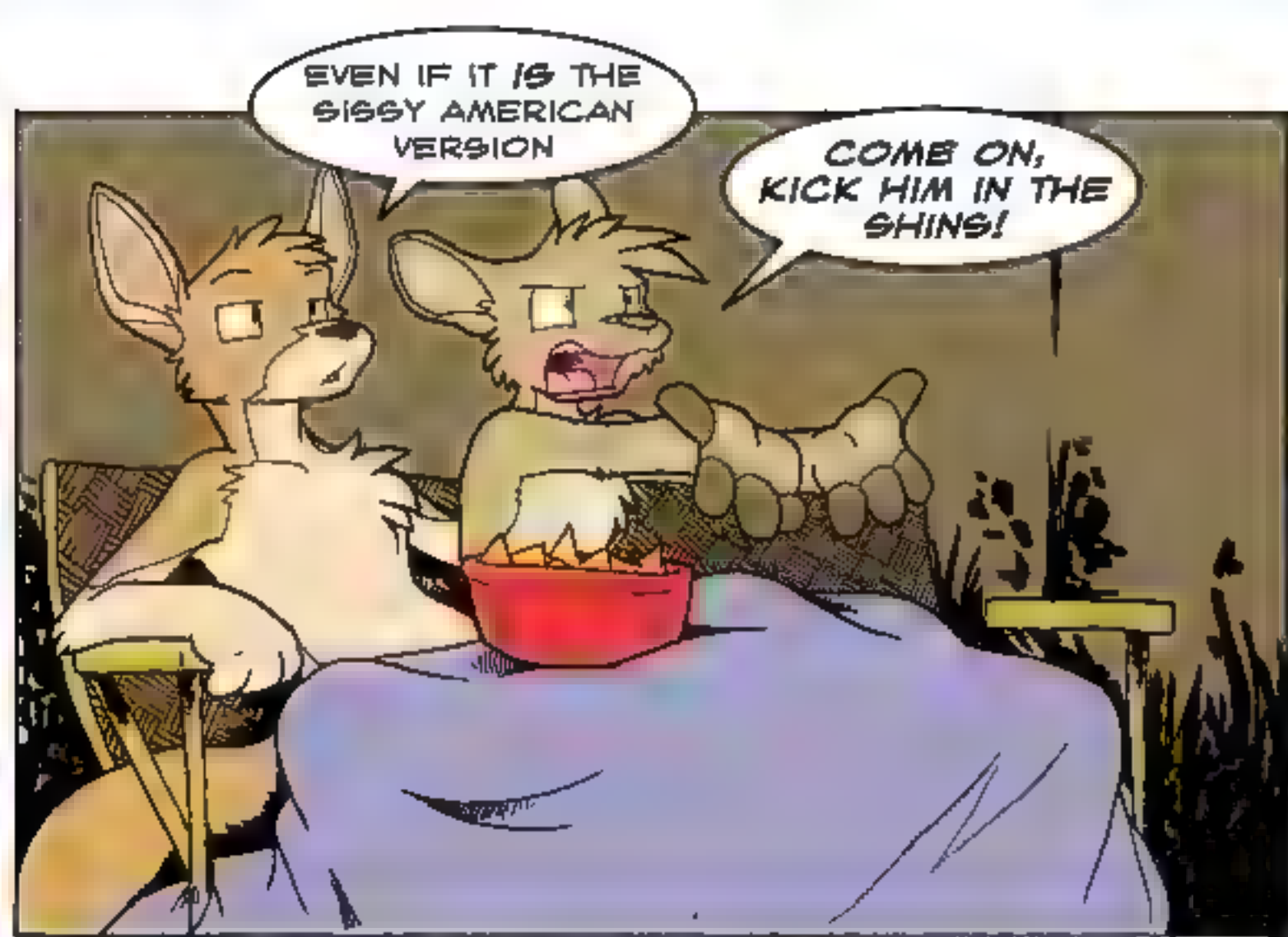
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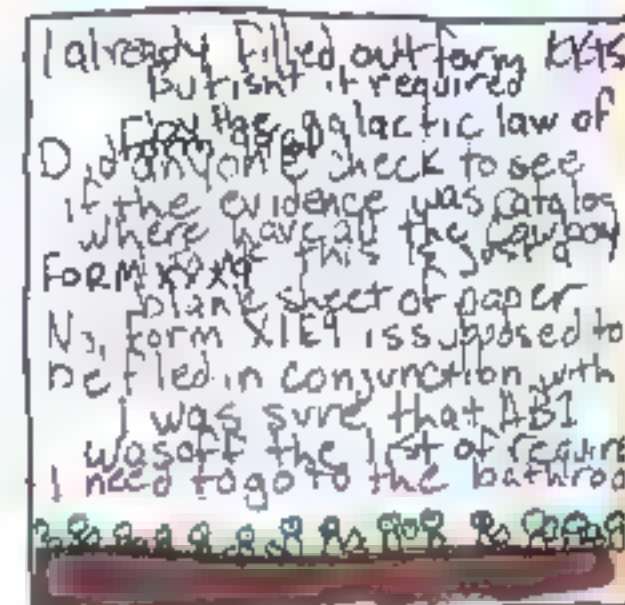
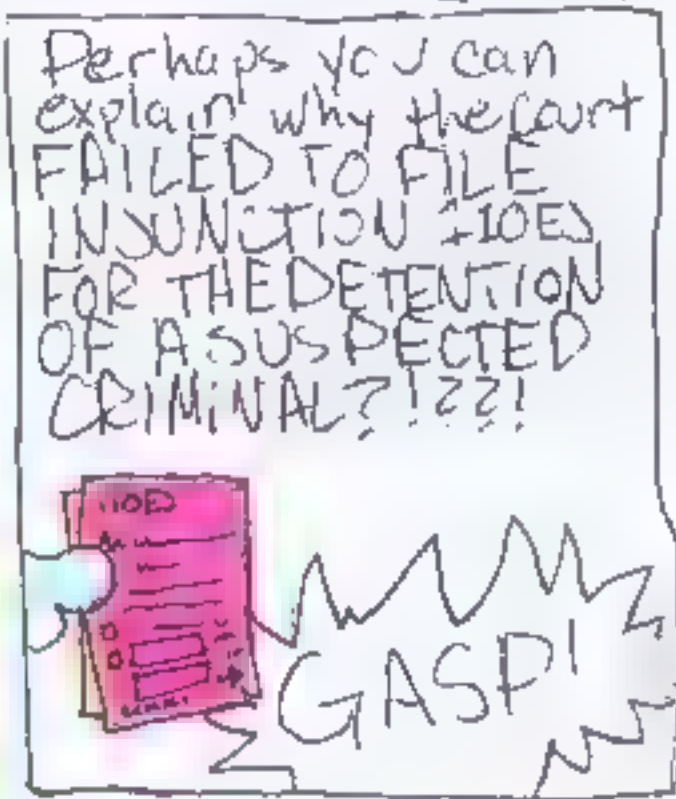
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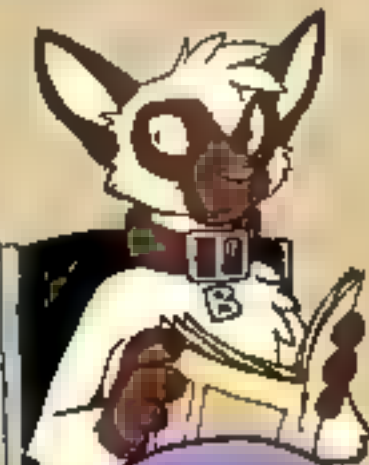
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HONESTLY, WHY A
SHOT FOR DISTEMPER IF
IT'S GONNA GIVE YOU ONE
ANYHOW?



I'M JUST SURPRISED
YOU SCHEDULED YOUR
VALENTINE'S DATE ON, YOU
KNOW, VALENTINES

FOX, YOU
BOTHER ME WITH
YOUR MOUTH
SOMETIMES

I'M SERIOUS! IT'S
LIKE YOU'RE FINALLY
GROWING UP!

YOU'D UNDERSTAND IF YOU
HAD A GIRLFRIEND--RELATIONSHIPS
AREN'T ABOUT *TRIVIAL THINGS*, LIKE
FLOWERS OR PRESENTS

IT'S ABOUT
ANTICIPATING YOUR
PARTNER'S WANTS AND
DESIRES

AND WHAT'S THE
MOVIE YOU PICKED
OUT FOR SASHA?

"SCREAMING
BLOOD CULT
VI", WHY?

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Love And War



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Valentines!
That special time of
year you can snuggle
one person of your
choosing, long after
they beg you to stop.
Just so you know!

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BECAUSE I CARE SO
 MUCH, NO EVIL, GREEDY,
 FILTHY CORPORATION
 GOT AHOLD OF MY MONEY
 THIS YEAR
 SO STOP CRYING
 ALREADY, YEESH



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NOTICE TO APPEAR Valentine Enforcement

Date of Violation Time Case No.

1. / /

Name (First, Middle, Last)

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Address

3.

City

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State

ZIP

Driver's License No.



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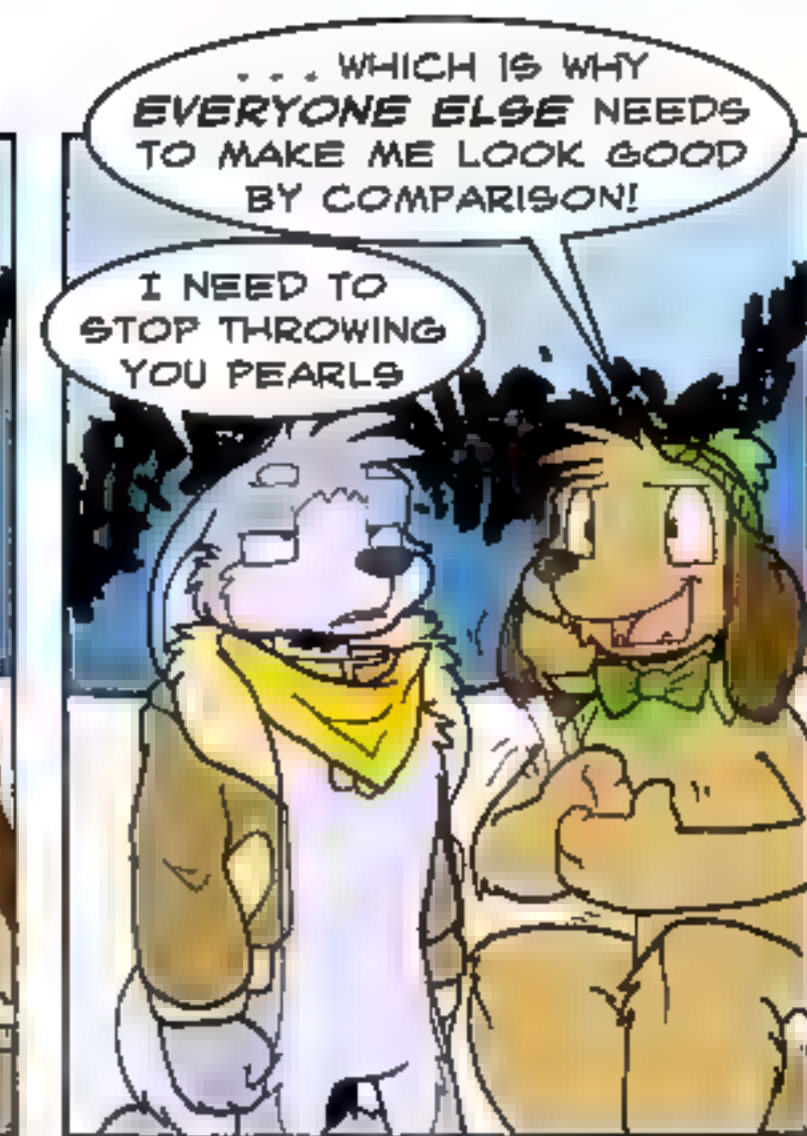
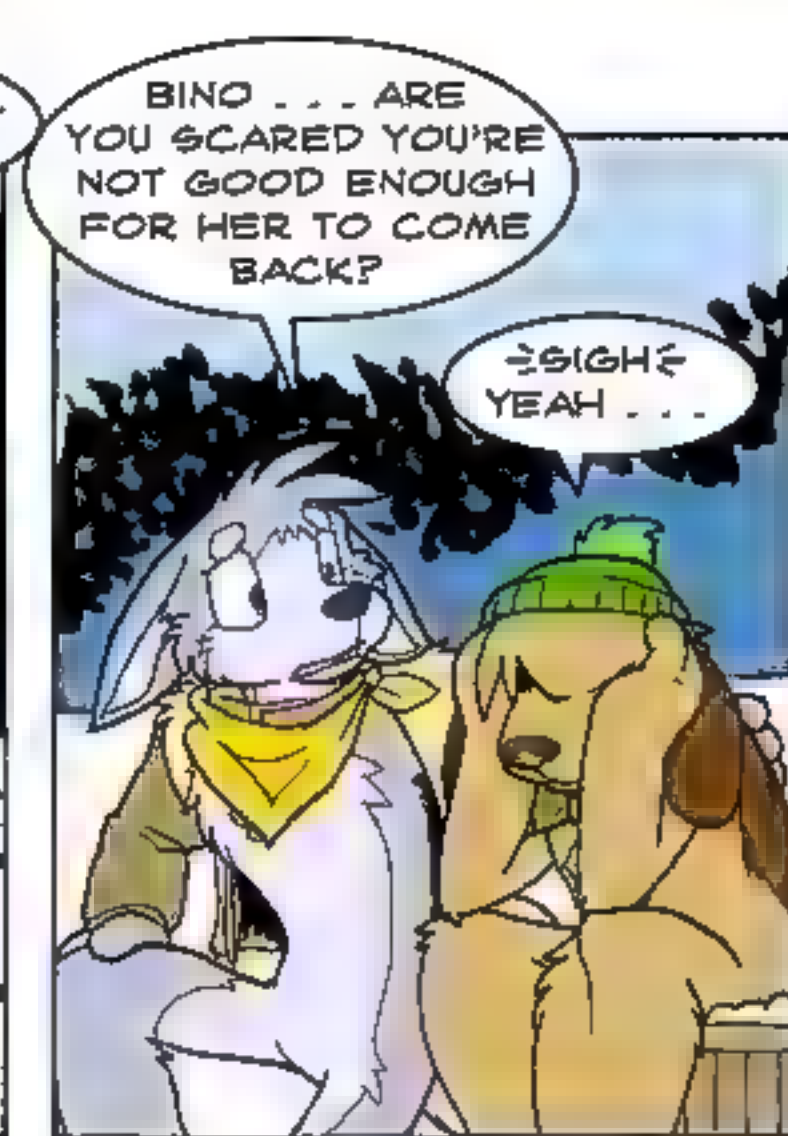
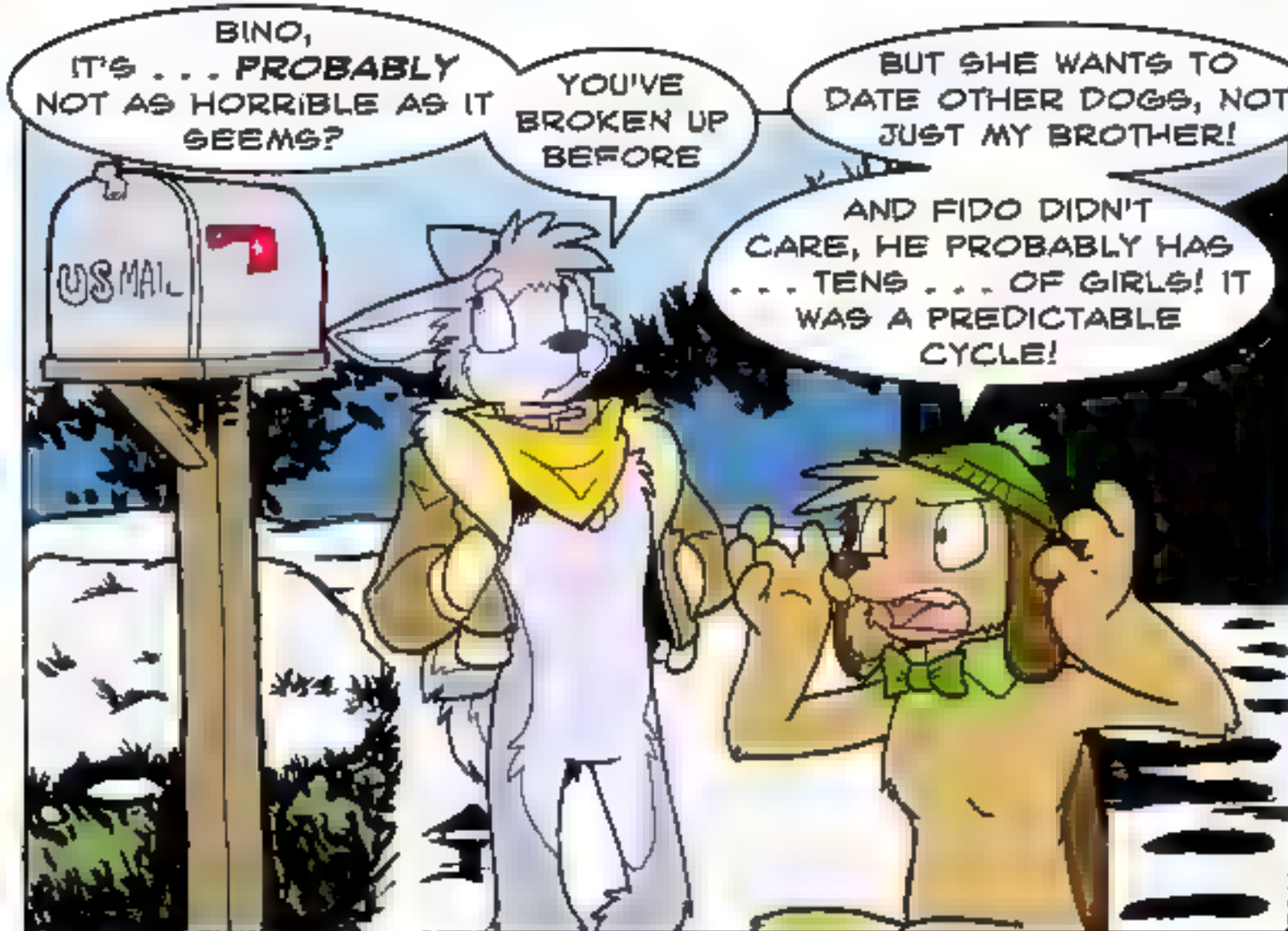
Hey I got you a

...

I'll be right back



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GUYS, I REGRET
TO INFORM YOU OF
BINO'S PLAN

WE ARE GOING TO
TURN A CORNER OF THE
CLUBHOUSE INTO A COZY
DINNER SETTING SO WE
CAN ALL GO ON DATES
WITH SASHA

WOO
YEAH!

--AND
INTENTIONALLY
SABOTAGE THOSE
DATES TO MAKE BINO
LOOK BETTER

AWW,
WHAT!

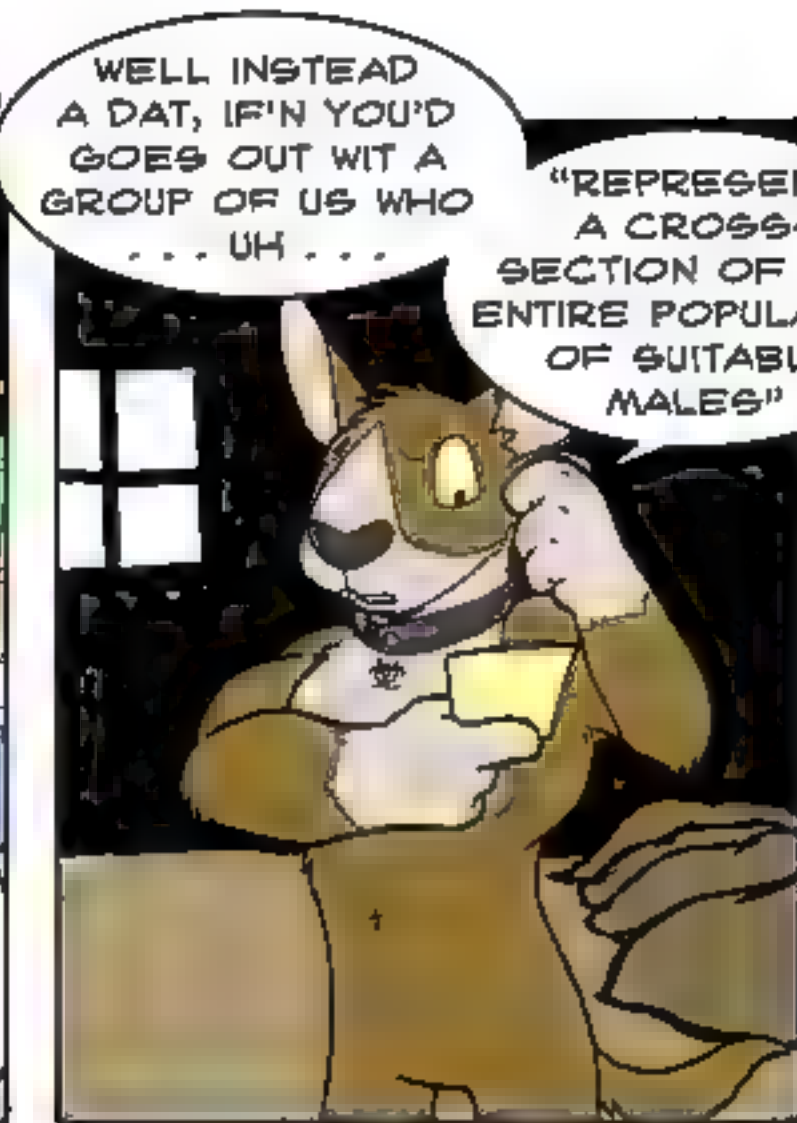
SO, WHAT, WE
GOTS TA SALVAGE
BINO'S RELATIONSHIP,
WHEN WE AIN'T EVEN
GOTS ANY GIRLS
OF OUR OWN?!

SO WHAT
YOU'RE SAYING
IS, YOU DON'T
HAVE ANYTHING
TO DO FOR
VALENTINES?

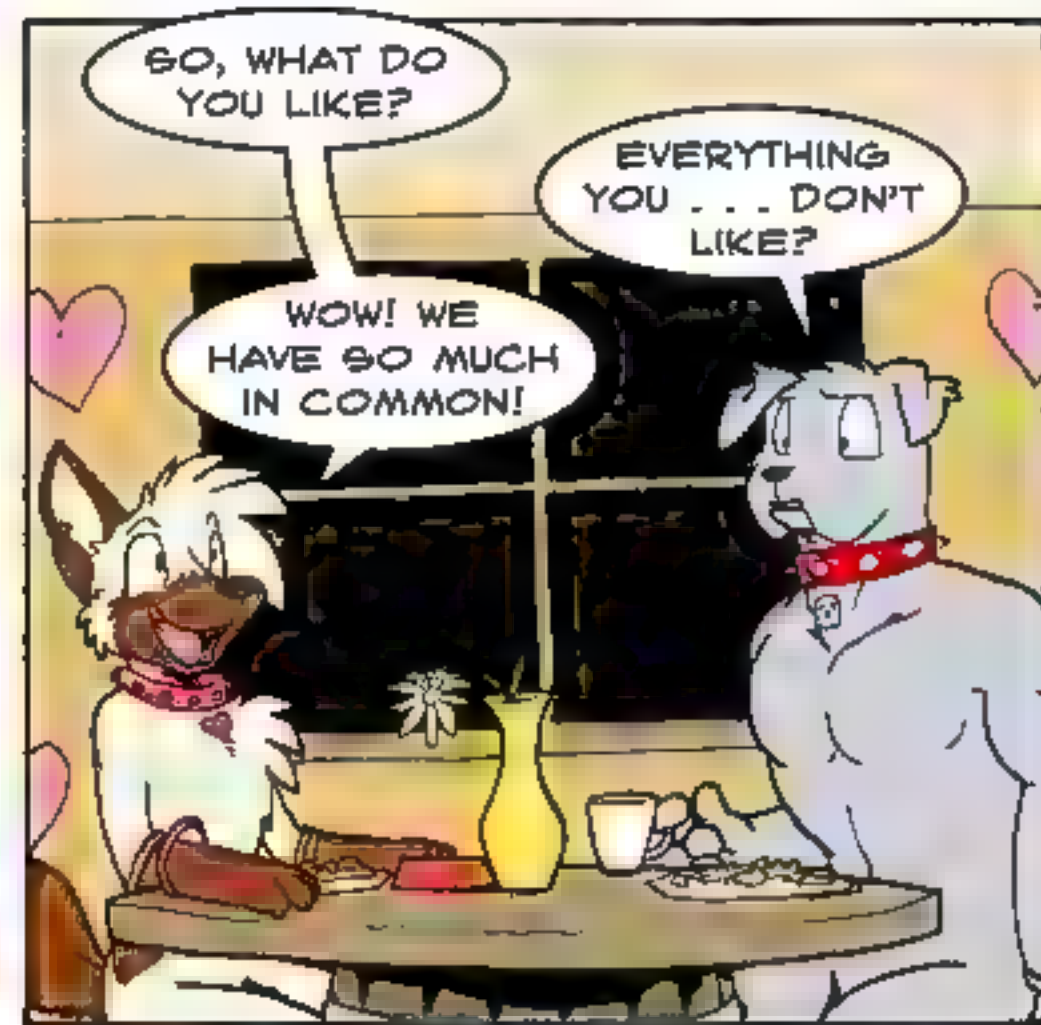
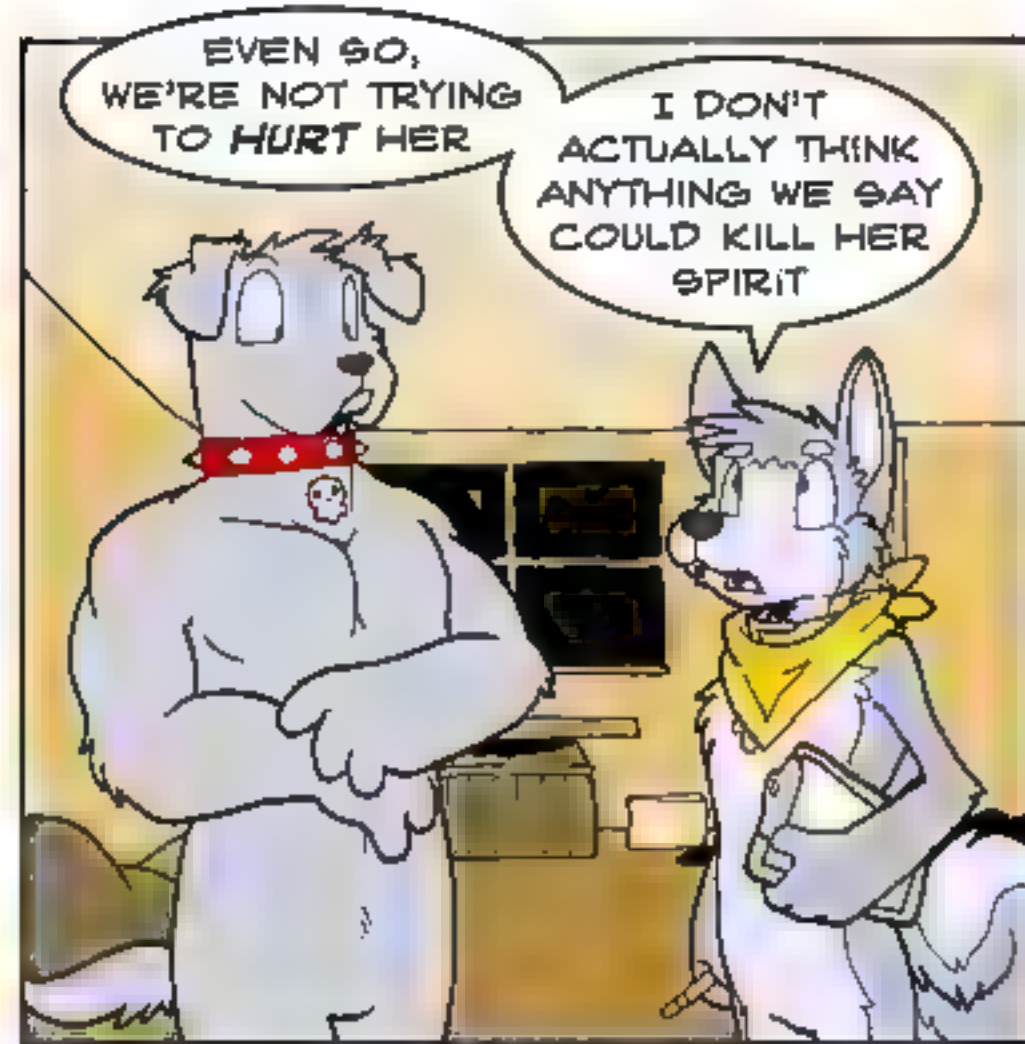
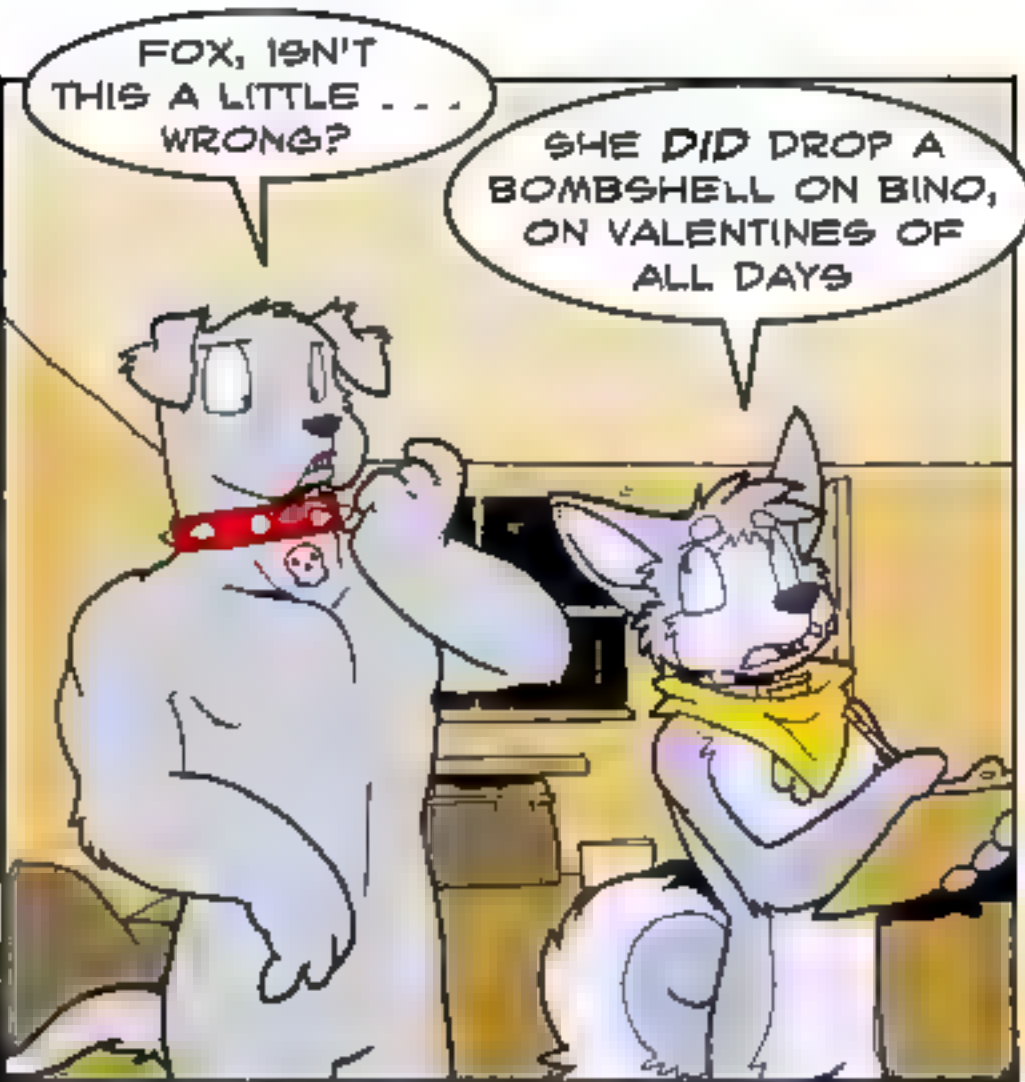
YEAH

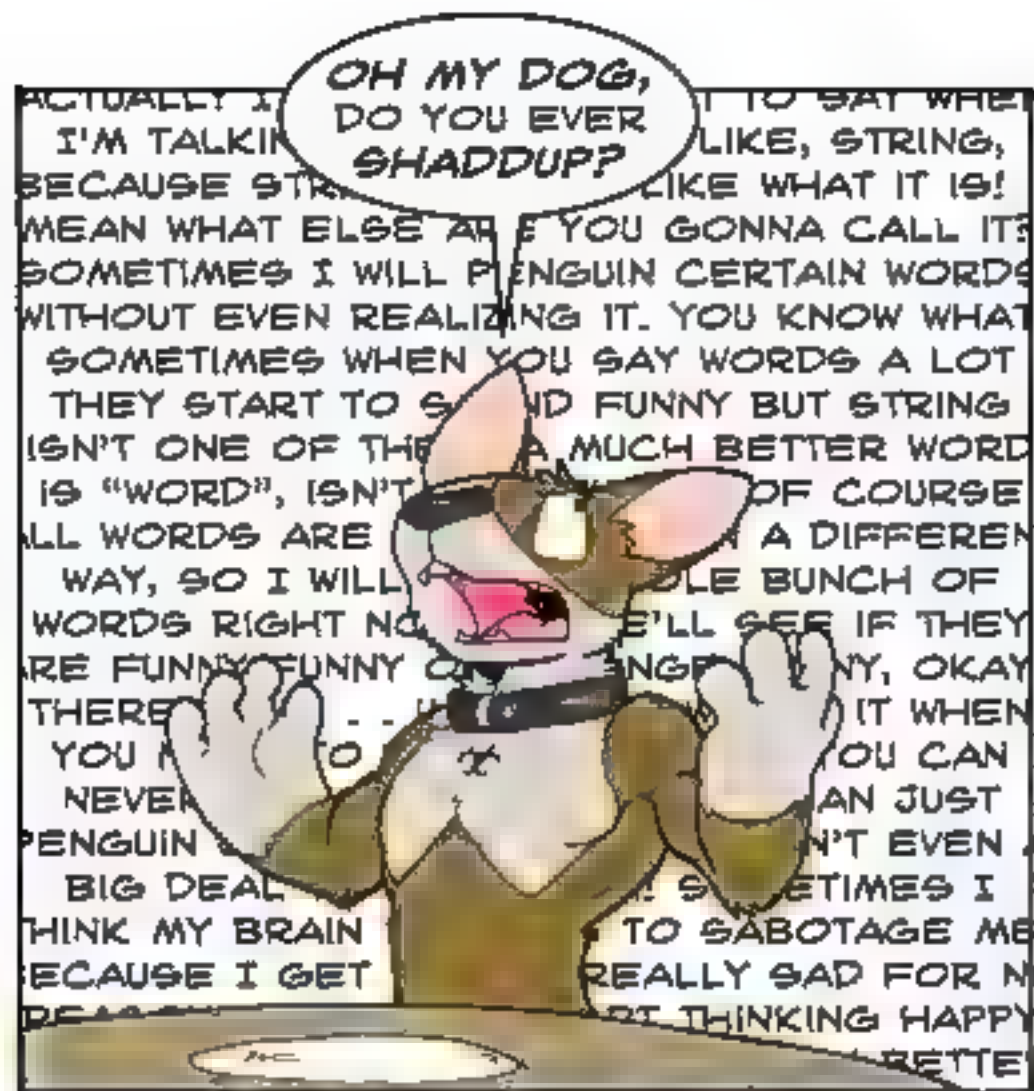


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QUITE EXCELLENT, YOU'LL
FIT IN RIGHT ALONG WITH MY
OTHER TWO GIRLFRIENDS



YOU ARE
PAYING FOR THIS,
RIGHT?



I HAVE A
URINARY CYST



I'M THE ONLY ONE
LEFT SO IF YOU WANT
TO--

UM, SASHA? YOU
MIGHT WANT TO GET YOUR
EYES LOOKED AT



WAAAAAAAAAH

SASHA!
WHAT'S
WRONG?

Boosh!

SNUFFK I THOUGHT
EVERYONE PUT TOGETHER
THIS PARTY FOR ME SO I COULD
HAVE A GOOD TIME, RIGHT? BUT
IT'S LIKE NOBODY EVEN
CARES

THEY'RE ALL JUST
TREATING ME LIKE A USED
DISHRAG AND MAKING ME
FEEL SO SNFFFFK
UGLY!

PLEASE DON'T CRY ...
HERE, USE THIS

THANK YOU ...
I WAS STARTING
TO BLOW SNOT
BUBBLES

I WASN'T
GOING TO
MENTION IT

AND SO!

AND THEN WE BOTH TURNED AND IT WAS LIKE HEARTS IN OUR EYES!

OR MAYBE MY TAG'S REFLECTION

VEEEEEEEEE

ANYWAY! HOW COME YOU AND BINO STICK TOGETHER?

HONESTLY?

ping

I DUNNO. WE'VE ALWAYS BEEN FRIENDS, AND I'VE NEVER BELIEVED IN ABANDONING FRIENDS

CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S NOT SCOL

WHAT IF THEY ALWAYS FORGET YOUR THIRD-BREAKUP ANNIVERSARY?

A QUICK KNEECAPPING HELPS, I'VE FOUND

SHUP

THANKS FOR WALKING
ME HOME--OH! HERE'S
YOUR HANKIE!

KEEP IT, I
HAVE SPARES

THANK YOU! AND
THANK YOU FOR CHEERING
ME UP! GOODNIGHT,
FOXIE-BON~

HMM HMM . . .
SASHA . . . I JUST
MET A GIRL NAMED
SASHA . . .

AND I'M
SUBCONSCIOUSLY
PROJECTING MYSELF
ONTO THE LEAD OF
WEST SIDE STORY
FOR A REASON,
AREN'T I?

HEY FOX, YOU'RE
HOME AWFULLY LATE . . .
AND WHERE'S YOUR
SCARF?

BAILEY, IF SOMEONE
REALLY LIKED SOMEONE ELSE
BUT DIDN'T KNOW IT UNTIL HE, OR SHE,
ACTUALLY TALKED AT LENGTH TO HER, OR
HIM, AND REALIZED THAT MAYBE THERE
WAS SOMETHING THERE, *EXCEPT*, SEE,
THIS OTHER PERSON RECENTLY
BROKE UP WITH A THIRD
PERSON?

AND THIS
THIRD PERSON
WOULD BE REALLY
MAD, EXTRA MAD
BECAUSE THIS FIRST
PERSON PROMISED
TO GET THE SECOND
PERSON BACK WITH
THE THIRD PERSON
. . . WHAT WOULD
YOU DO?

FOX, JUST
HOOK UP WITH HER
AND STOP GIVING
YOURSELF AN
ANEURYSM

I WAS TRYING
TO KEEP THIS
HYPOTHETICAL!

HOW COULD I CALL
MYSELF A GOOD BOY IF I
TRADE ONE FRIEND SO
CALLOUSLY FOR ANOTHER?
WHO AM I TO MAKE SUCH
JUDGEMENTS?

FOXIE-BON, IT'S
GOING TO BE A COLD
NIGHT . . . COULD YOU
STAY A LITTLE
LONGER?

I KNOW IT'S
TECHNICALLY MY
TURN, BUT SINCE I
HAVE A DATE
TONIGHT . . .

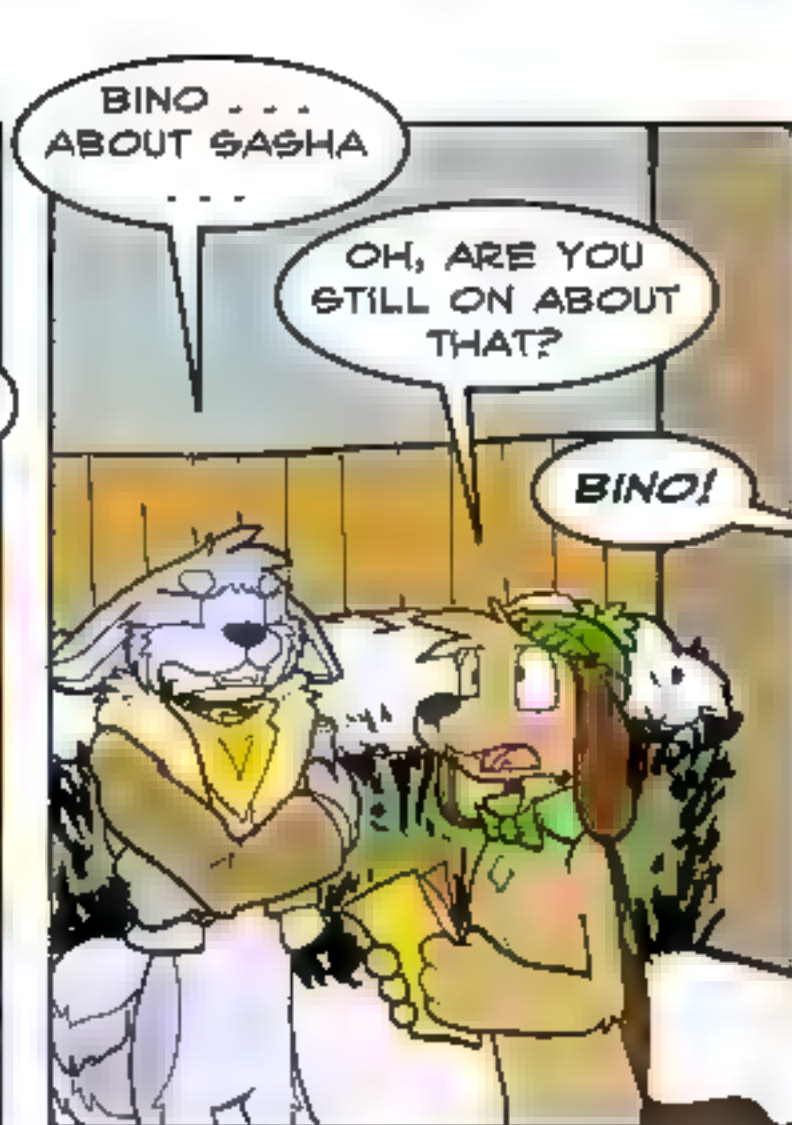
WHAT THE
HOWL HAVE I
BEEN DOING
ALL THIS
TIME?!



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WHY DID YOU WISH
TO TAKE ON THIS
TASK?

YOU ARE WELL
AWARE HOW
MORTALS REVILE
THE MESSENGER



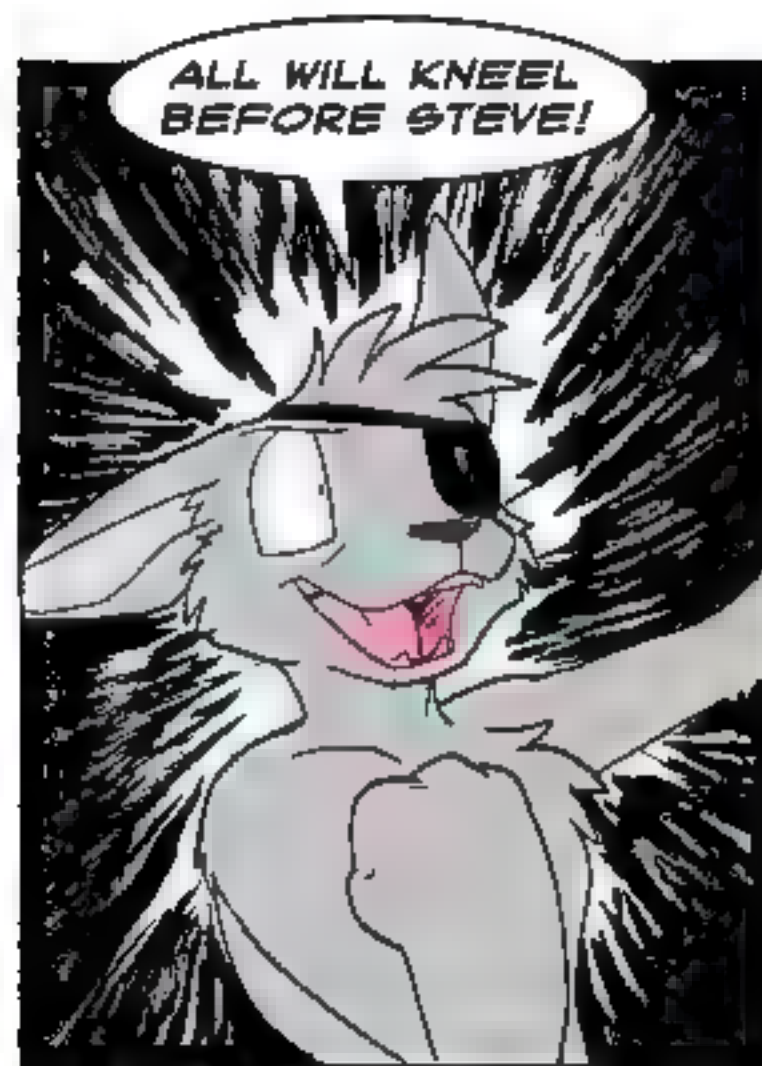
SIR, IN MY OLD JOB



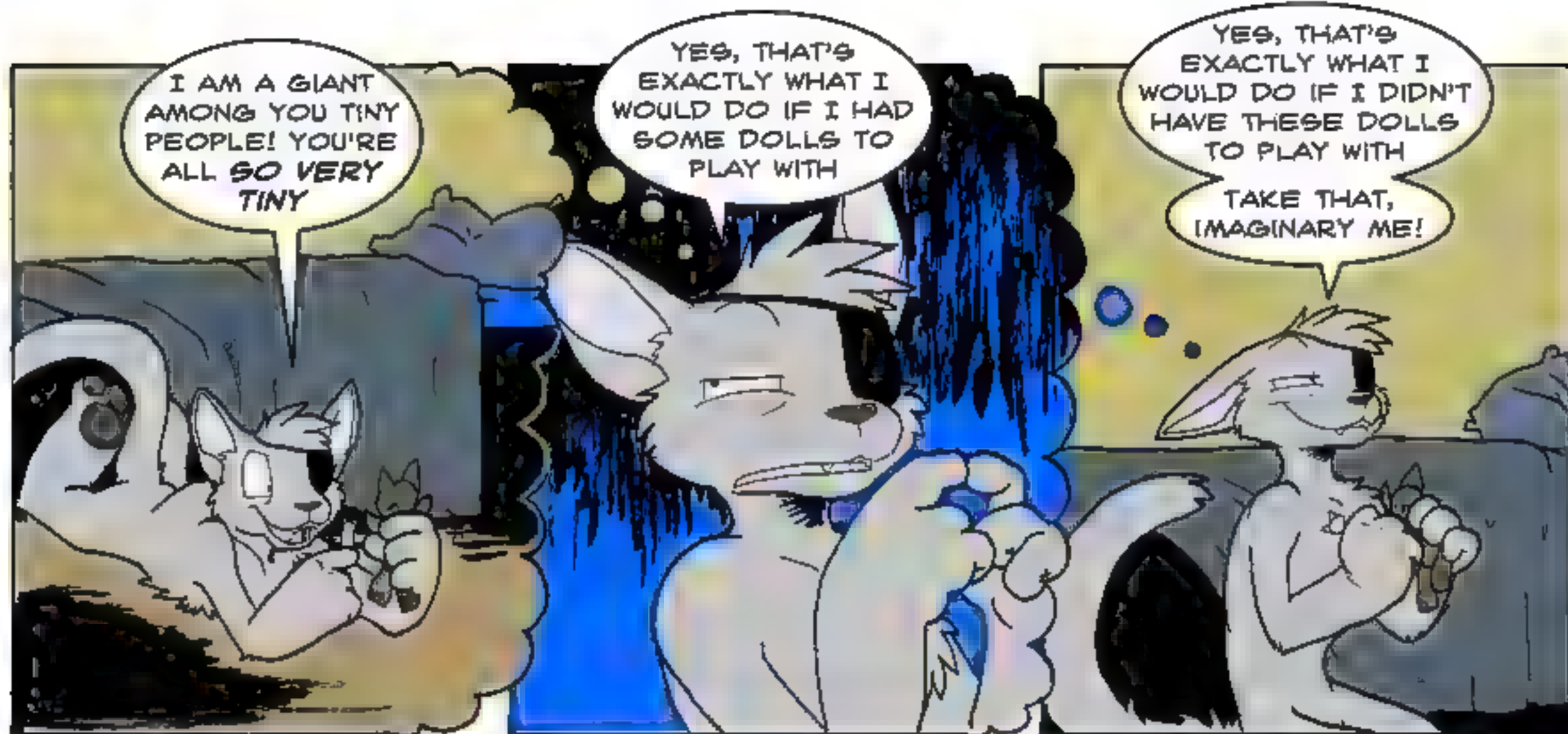
I NEVER GOT TO
WORK WITH CHILDREN



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JASPER! WHAT
HAVE I TOLD YOU ABOUT
SWINGING A HATCHET
WILDLY AROUND LOAD-
BEARING BEAMS?



LOOK AT ME--ONE
OF THESE DAYS YOU
WON'T FLATTEN INTO AN
AMUSING ACCORDIAN
SHAPE. IS ONE BROWN
MOUSE REALLY WORTH
THAT?



SPEAK OF THE
DEVIL . . . HOW IS HE
CARRYING THAT PAIR OF
GARDEN SHEARS? AND
IS THAT A *DUCKLING*
WITH HIM?



OH, YOU'RE GONNA
CHASE HIM ANYWAY,
OKAY. WATCH OUT FOR
THE--

VRRRCH

--YEAH, YOU'RE
GONNA GET THAT



SEVEN
HUNDRED?!
ELAINE'LL KILL
ME!

I TOLD YOU NOT
TO USE OUR YARD
AS YOUR PERSONAL
STORAGE!

BUT A FINE?!
CAN'T THE MILTONS'
FANCY LAWYER CLEAR
THIS FOR US?

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Jack Of One Trade

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THAT LAWYER IS NOT A
GET-OUT-OF-JAIL-FREE CARD!
WE'RE STILL RESPONSIBLE, AND
BY EXTENSION, YOU ARE
RESPONSIBLE

... YOU MADE
YOUR MARK ON IT
AFTER ALL

STOP HOLDING
IT LIKE A DEN
MOTHER!

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I'M FINE IF YOU USE
THE GARAGE FOR YOUR
STOREFRONT, BUT ISN'T THIS
SIDESTEPPING THE
PROBLEM?

WHAT DO
YOU MEAN?

ISN'T
MOST OF THIS STUFF
STOLEN, "FOUR FINGER
DISCOUNT"?

MILES, I'M
SHOCKED! YOU KNOW
I'VE BEEN CLEAN FOR
YEARS!

THAT . . . THAT'S
A REFLEX

SEVEN
HUNDRED
DOLLARS

A-YUP. BE A PUP
AND DRAG PONCHO
OUT FROM UNDER THE
STACK OF BOXES,
WOULDJA?

SORRY,
YOU'RE ON
YOUR OWN

WHA--
SWEETHEART,
COME ON!

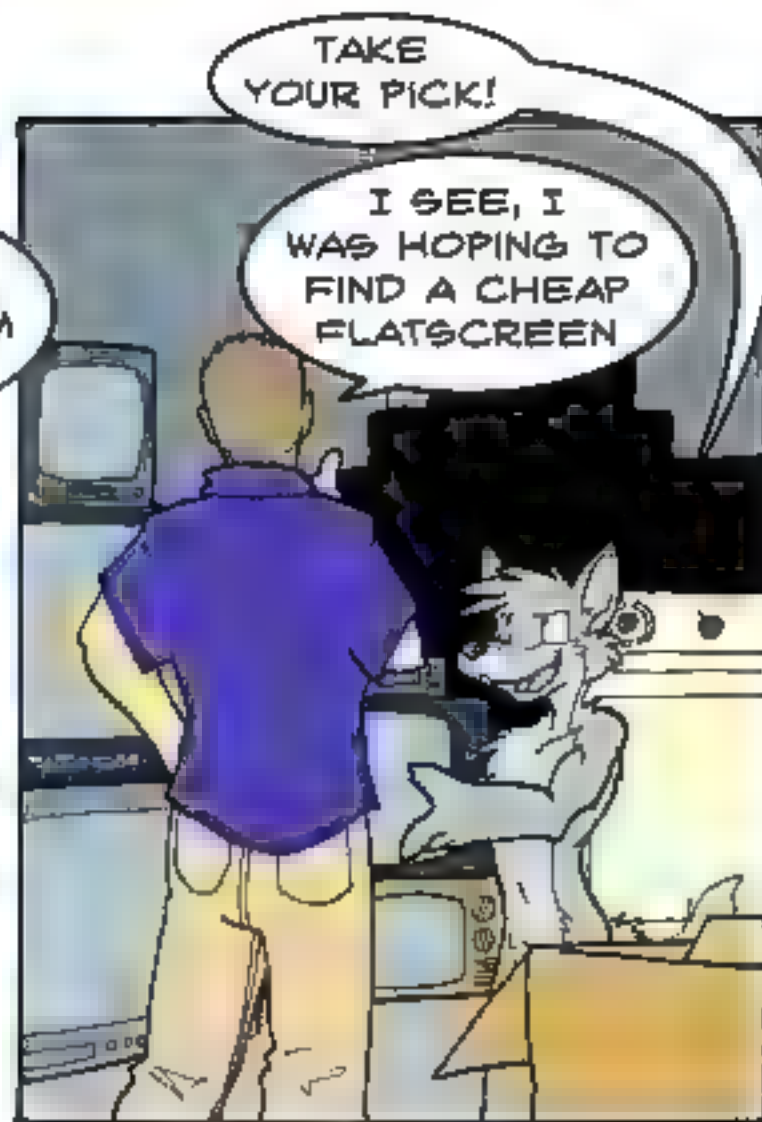
I SAID I'M *SORRY*,
JACK. SNOW'S ABOUT TO HAVE
HER LITTER AND MOTHER CAN'T
MIDWIFE BY HERSELF
ANYMORE

YOU KNOW WHAT
HAPPENED WITH
MILES' CUBS

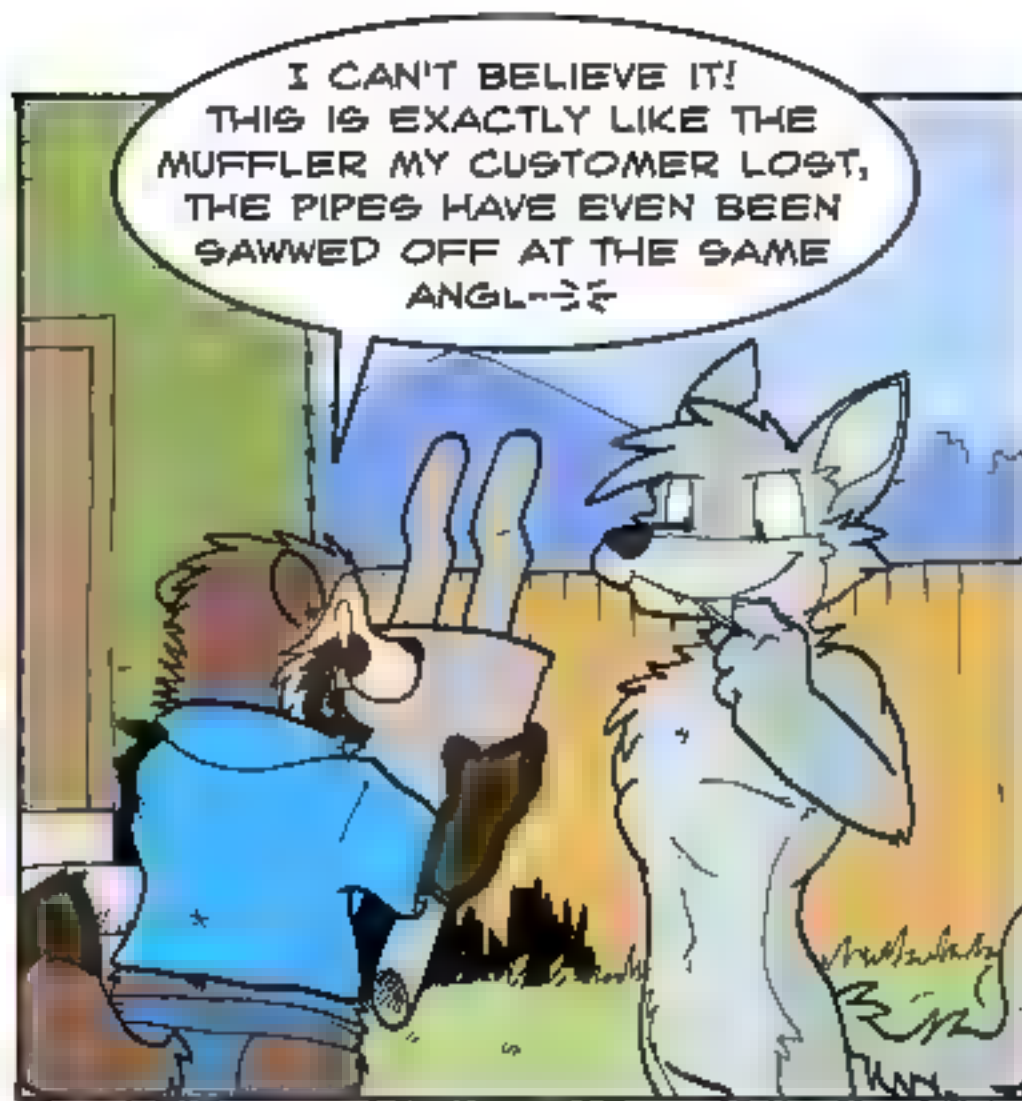
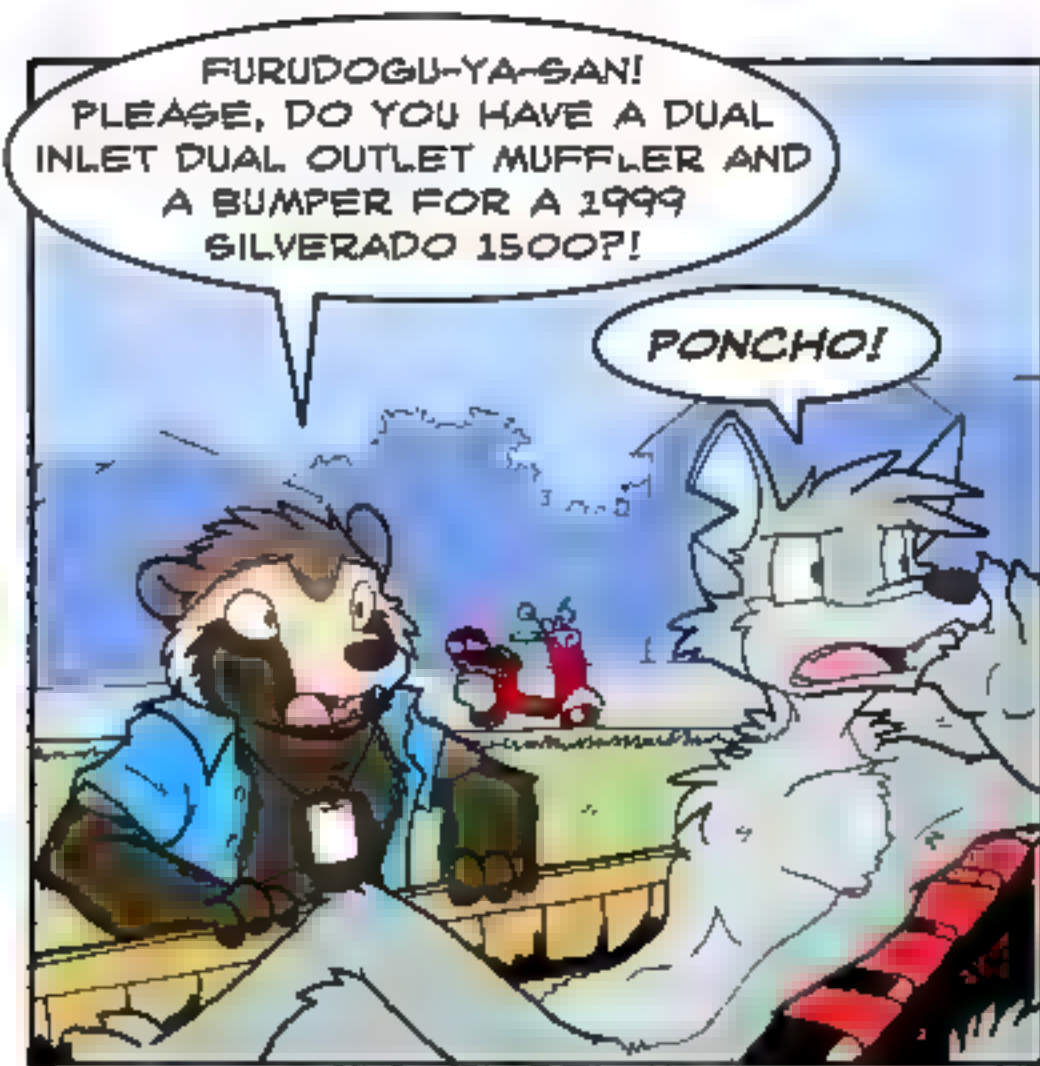
YEAH . . .

FUNNY, YOU'D THINK
THE WOMAN WOULD GET
WEAKER IN HER OLD
AGE

AT LEAST THE
MOSS PATCH WAS
FORTUITOUS







EXCUSE ME, WE
RECEIVED INFORMATION
ABOUT A ONE-ARMED
BANDIT--



CLOSED

WHAM



LOOKS LIKE WE'LL
HAVE TO COME BACK
LATER

AWW





I'M GOING UP IN THE MORNING WITH MR. LONDON TO PAY THE FINE. STILL THINK IT AIN'T NOTHING BUT A LOAD

I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN! HUMANS ARE ALL ABOUT THINGS, BUT THEY PENALIZE US FOR HAVING THINGS!?

IF THERE'S ANYTHING YOU CAN COUNT ON US WOLVES FOR, IT'S TOTAL FAIRNESS!

HEAR HEAR!

HERE'S YOUR MONEY.
AND MY CON-SEE-URGE MR.
LONDON IS HERE WITH ME TO
MAKE SURE I AIN'T SWINDLED,
ON ACCOUNT OF BEING
CANINE-AMERICAN

THAT IS
REASONABLE, MR.
THE WOLF



ERM, THERE APPEARS
TO BE SEVEN THOUSAND
DOLLARS HERE, BUT THE BILL
IS ONLY FOR SEVEN
HUNDRED

WELL LAH-DEE-DAH, LOOK AT
THE BIG CITY CLERK WITH HIS BIG
CITY "EDUCATION!



THAT WAS
ACTUALLY DIRECTED
AT YOUR LAWYER

LOOK,
MATH IS
HARD!



END

WHY DIDN'T
YOU COME TO
ME? I THINK IT'S A
GREAT IDEA!

I'M SORRY, BUT I
DON'T THINK WE NEED
HELP IN GETTING
MARRIED

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The King And I

MILTON MANOR
HOME OF THE MILTON
FERRETS (THE LEGAL
OWNERS OF THE
WOLVES, ALSO KING)

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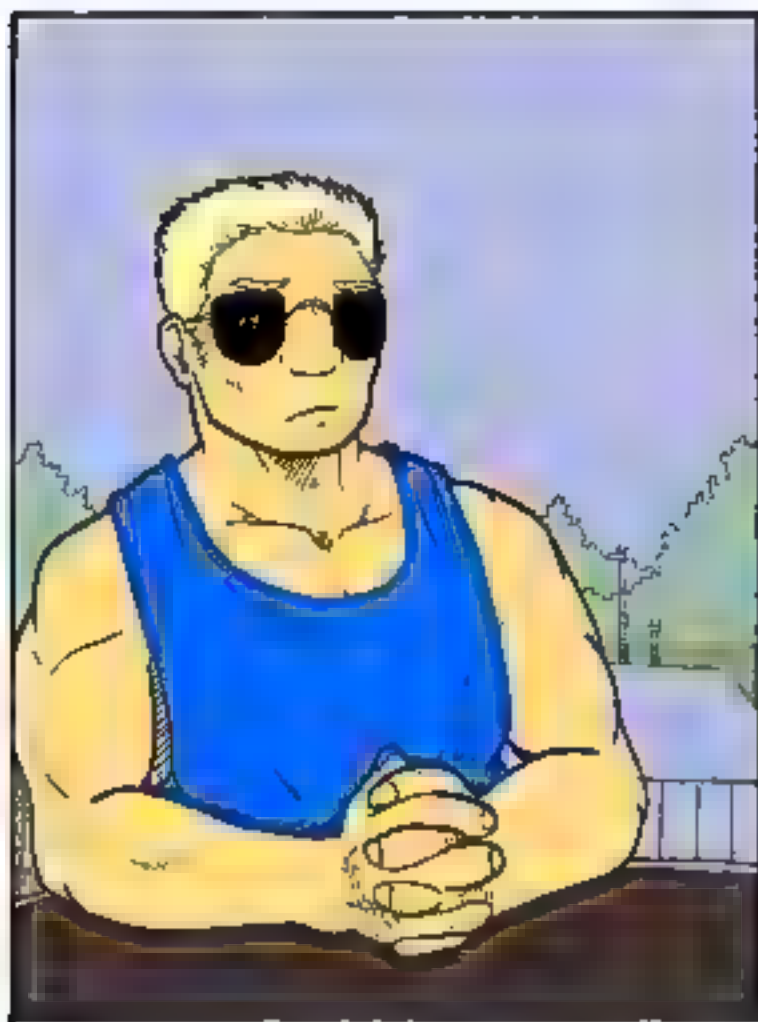
NATURALLY.
I DON'T WANT TO TELL YOU
YOUR BUSINESS! I'LL JUST
WORK AROUND THE DETAILS
OF YOUR EXTENSIVE
PLANS

SO! TELL ME WHAT
YOU'VE ACCOMPLISHED
BETWEEN CHRISTMAS
AND NOW

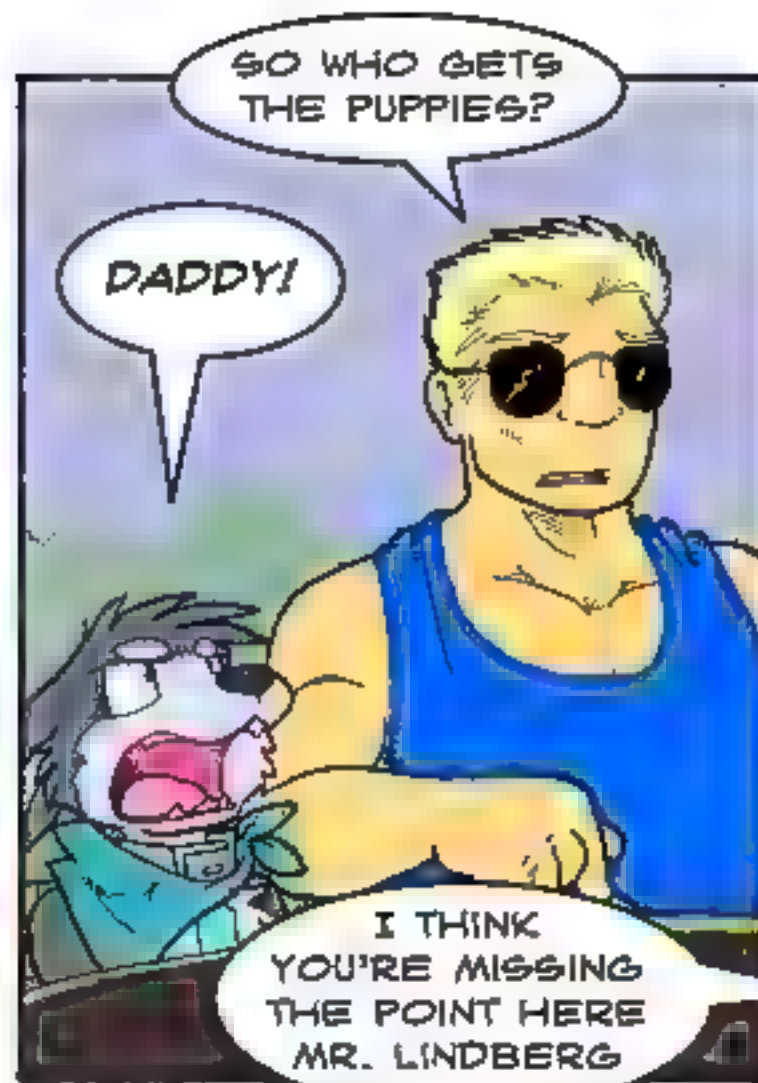
I FOUND OUT
WHAT A WEDDING
DRESS IS

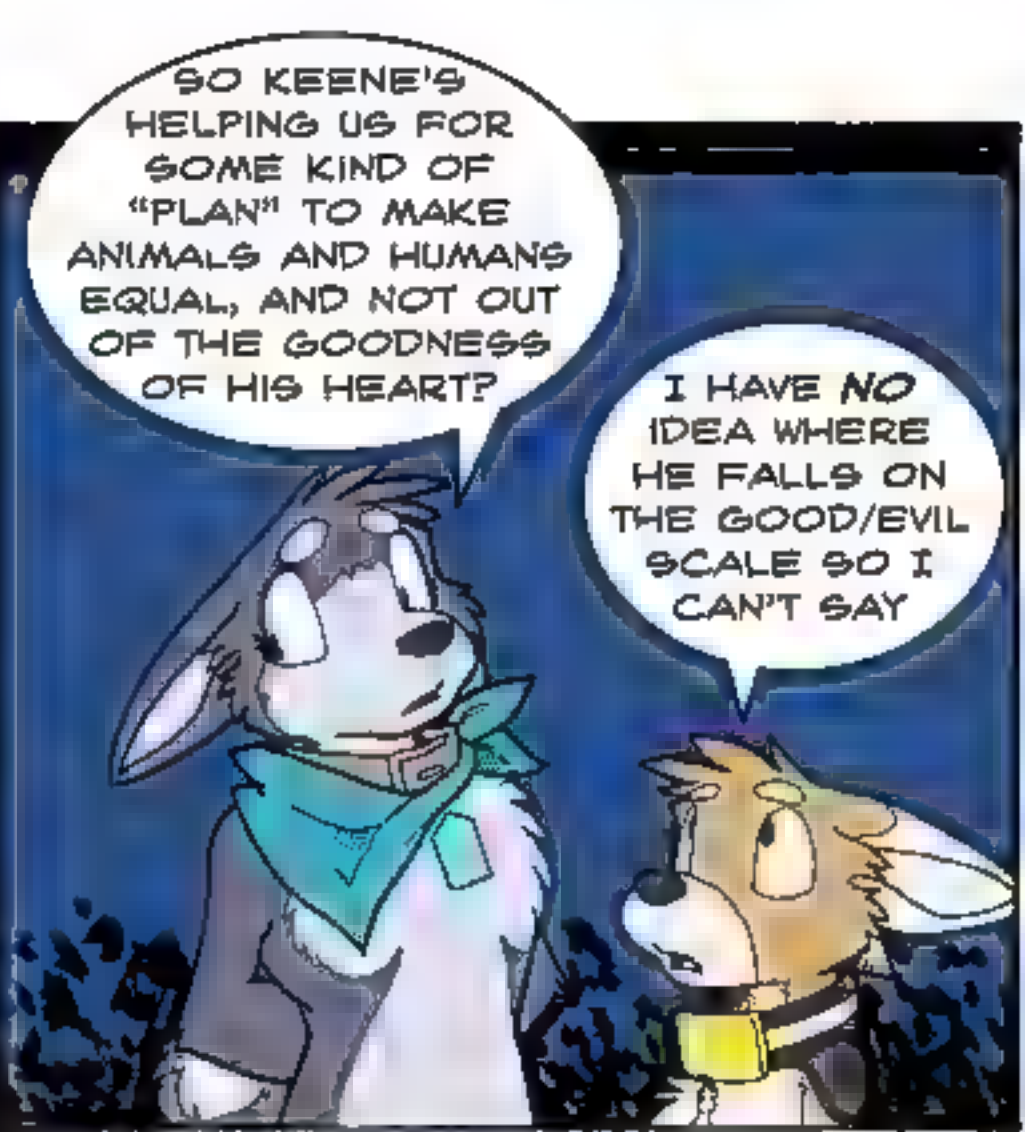
HOW
MARVELOUS

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SO KEENE'S
HELPING US FOR
SOME KIND OF
"PLAN" TO MAKE
ANIMALS AND HUMANS
EQUAL, AND NOT OUT
OF THE GOODNESS
OF HIS HEART?

I HAVE NO
IDEA WHERE
HE FALLS ON
THE GOOD/EVIL
SCALE SO I
CAN'T SAY



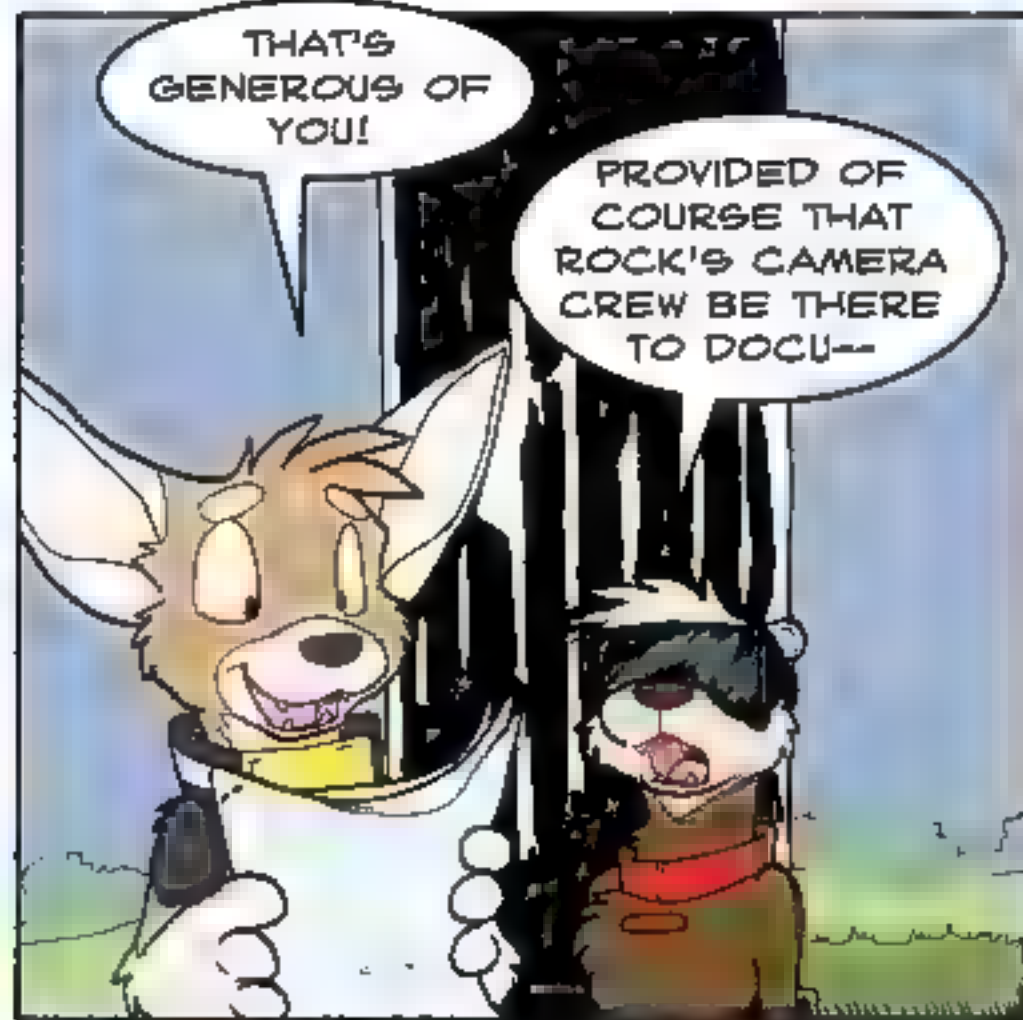
I DON'T WANT
OUR LOVE TO BE
EXPLOITED FOR
SOMEONE'S
SCHEME

HON, THIS
IS HARDLY
EXPLOITATIVE



ANIMAL
PLANET SIX-PART
MINISERIES, HERE
WE COME!

NOW IT'S
EXPLOITATIVE





SO, ARE YOU TWO
... COMPATIBLE?

I GUESS?

REV. GURNEY
MARRIAGE
COUNSELOR



SORRY, IT'S ...
I'VE NEVER DONE
THIS WITH DOGS
BEFORE

WHY SHOULD
THAT MATTER?
JUST TREAT US
LIKE WE'RE
PEOPLE

THEN I SUPPOSE I
WOULD ASK, WHAT MAKES
YOU THINK YOU'RE RIGHT
FOR EACH OTHER?



WHEN I SEE
SMALLER DOGS
ACROSS THE STREET
I USUALLY BARK AT
THEM, BUT I DON'T
BARK AT KING!

I SEE

OH BOY, CHORES.
MY FAVORITE THING IN
THE WHOLE WORLD

I KNOW,
RIGHT?!

WAIT,
"REGISTER"?
DIDN'T WE
ALREADY DO
THAT?

OH, NO, THIS IS
GIFT REGISTRY;
YOU PICK A STORE
AND COMPILE A LIST
OF THINGS YOU WANT
AS WEDDING
PRESENTS

SURPRISINGLY,
WE APPEAR TO BE
EQUIPPED FOR
THIS

OH GOOD,
WE DIDN'T
WANT THIS TO
BE **WEIRD** OR
ANYTHING

THE DRESS WILL BE MODIFIED, OF COURSE, BUT KEEPING THE DESIGN INTACT FOR YOUR SIZE, WE MAY BE BETTER OFF ALTERING A FLOWER GIRL OUTFIT. AS FOR THE SHEDDING . . .

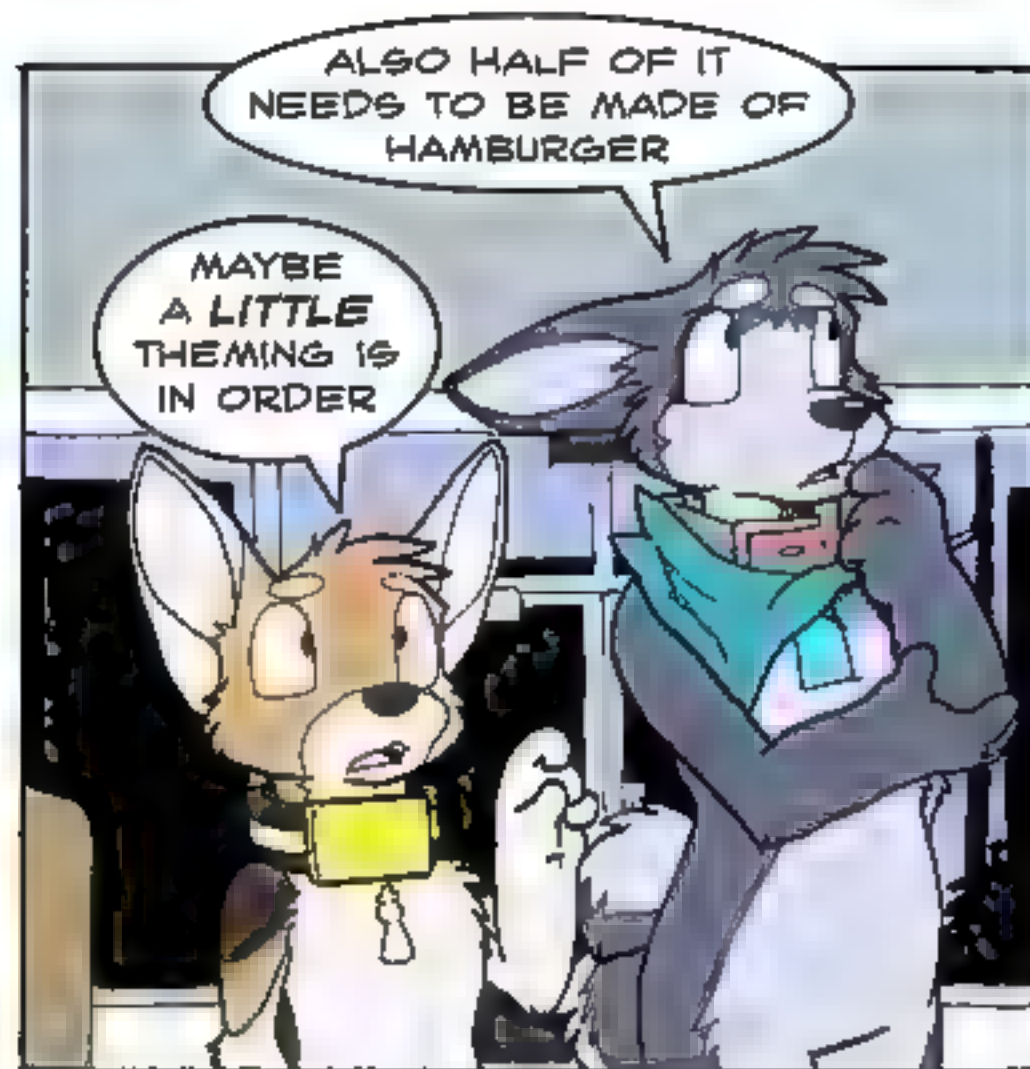
KING KNOWS A LOT ABOUT CLOTHES . . . WHY DIDN'T HE TELL ME THIS WOULD BE SO COMPLICATED?



HAL'S COSTUMES

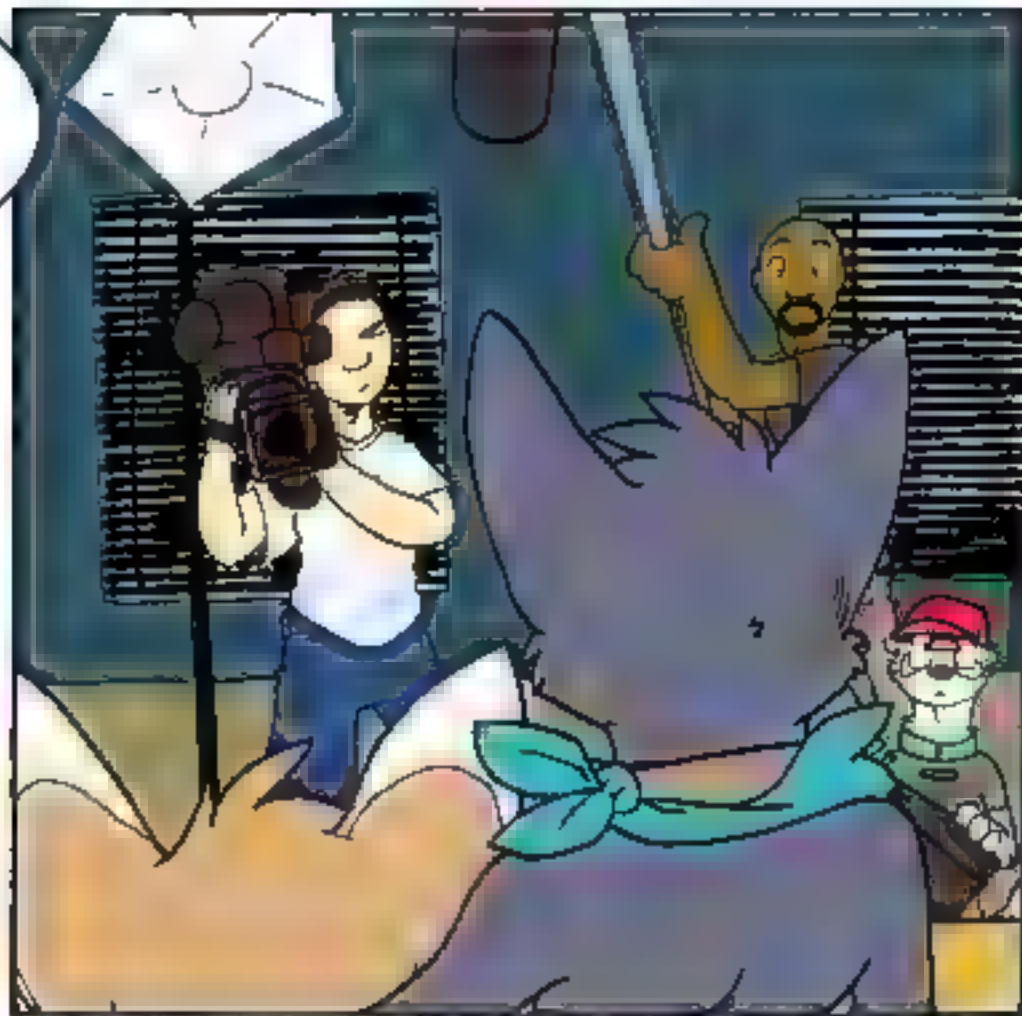
NAH, JUST SHOVE IT IN A PAPER BAG





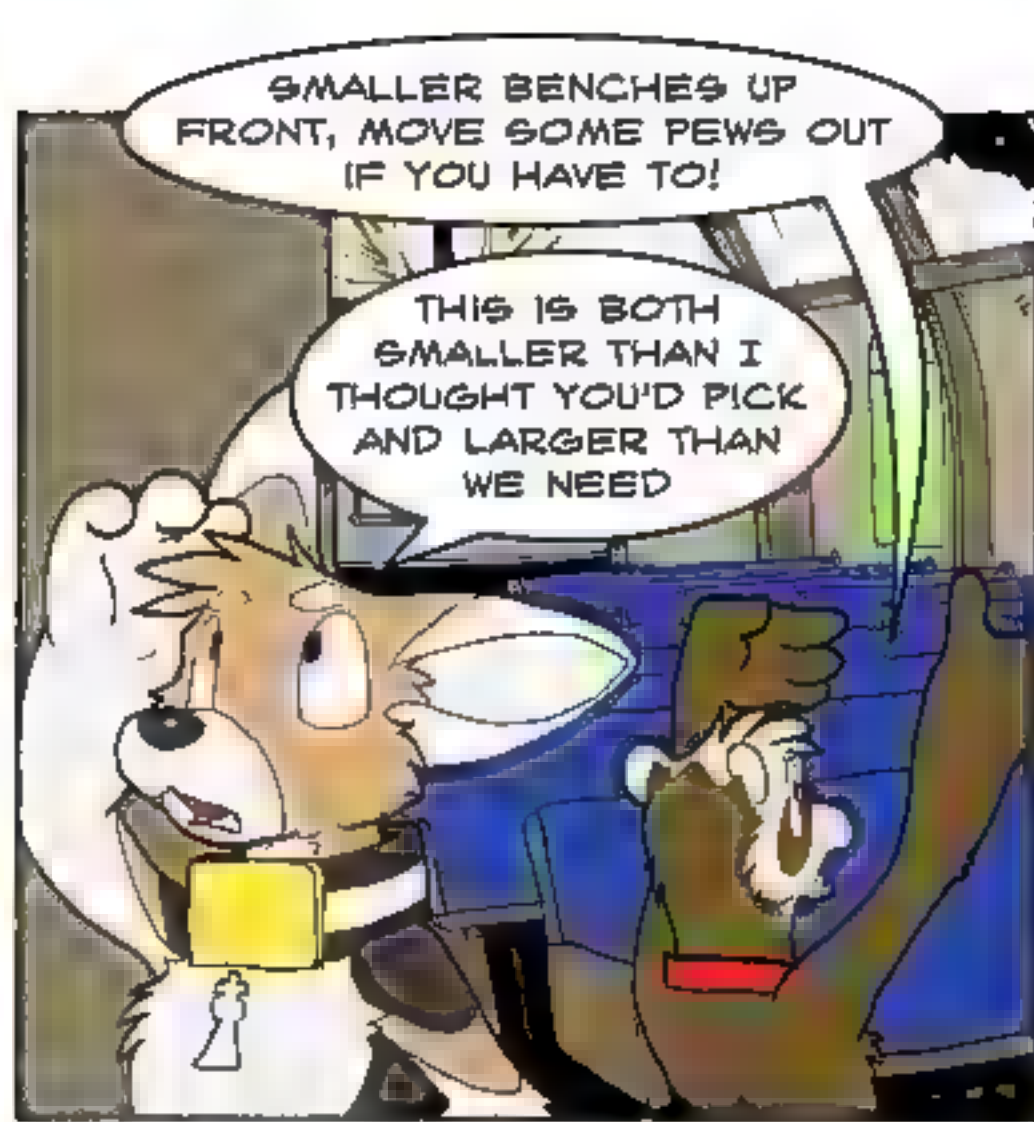
IT LOOKS LIKE
WE'RE ALMOST
DONE!

WAIT, AREN'T WE
MISSING SOMETHING?
SHOULDN'T WE BE
LOOKING FOR A
PHOTOGRAPHER?

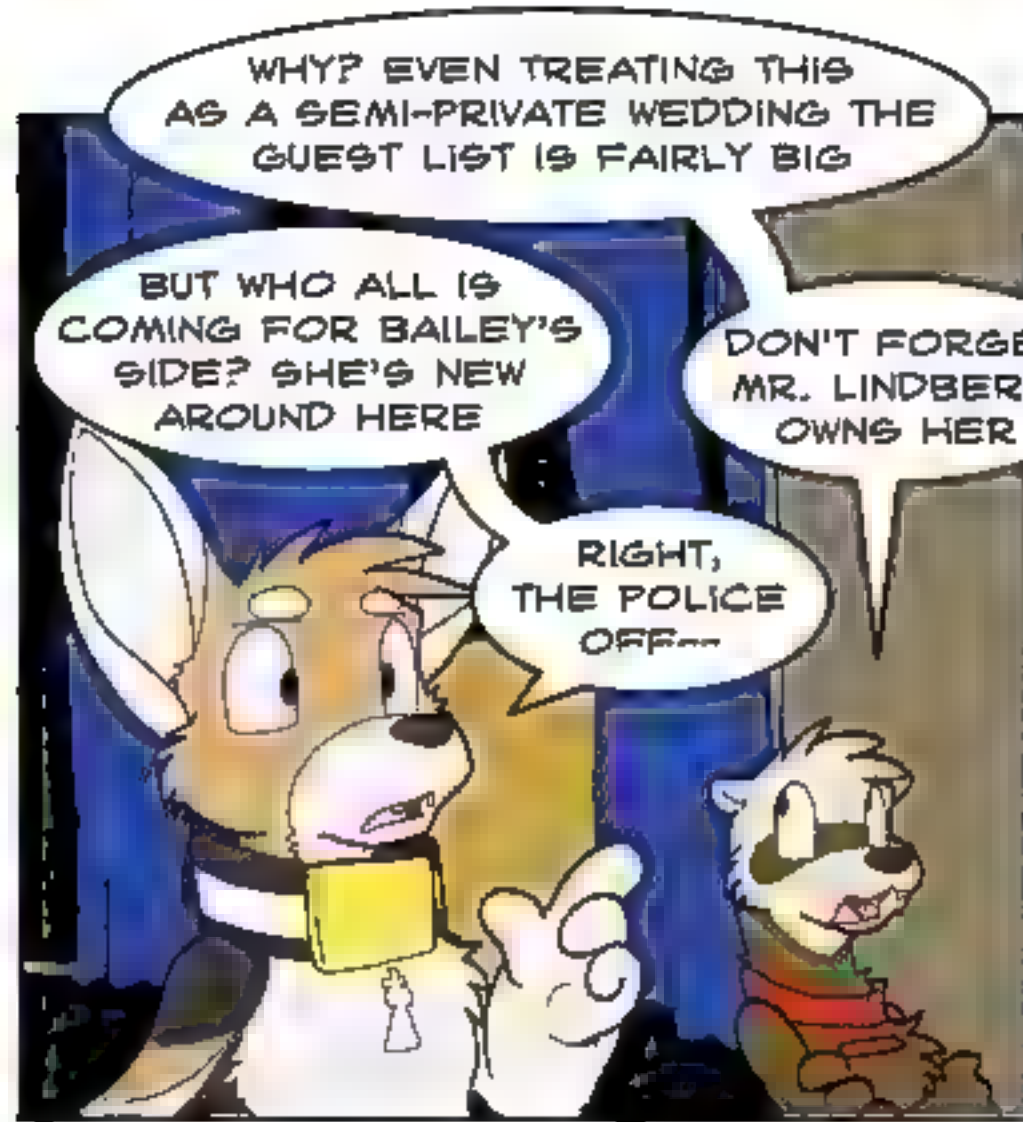


RIGHT, I'M
AN IDIOT

GUYS, FOR
THE LAST TIME
...



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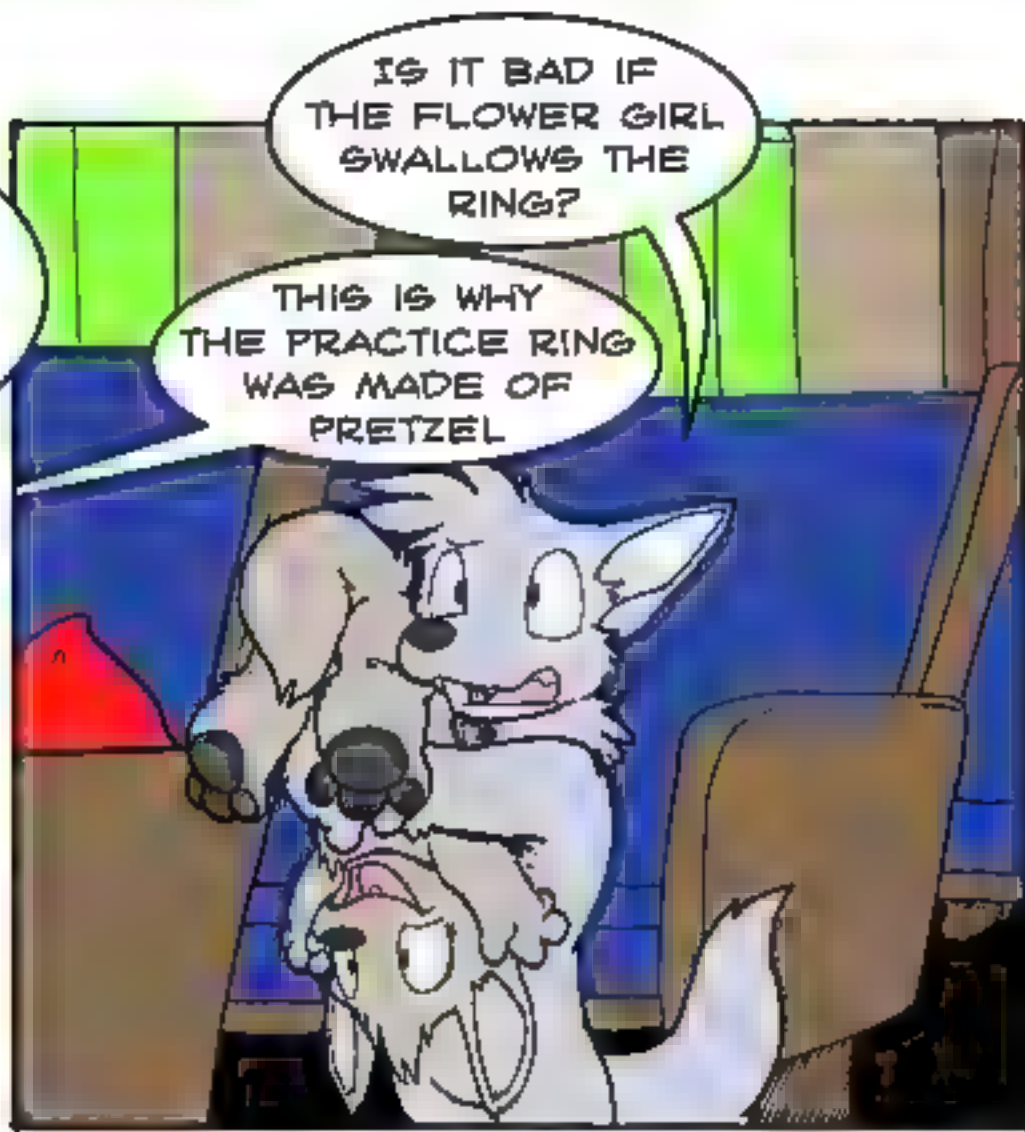
IT WASN'T NECESSARY TO
DRESS UP FOR REHEARSAL, BUT
AT LEAST WE KNOW WE NEED THE
AC ON "DARK SIDE OF THE
MOON"

THANKS, I'LL
GO PASS OUT
ON THE BENCH
NOW



NO SASHA, BEING THE
BRIDESMAID DOESN'T MEAN
YOU HAVE TO MARRY THE
GROOMSMAN

WELL GOOD,
MY BOYFRIEND IS
GONNA BE HERE
AND THAT'D BE
TOTALLY
AWKWARD!



IS IT BAD IF
THE FLOWER GIRL
SWALLOWS THE
RING?

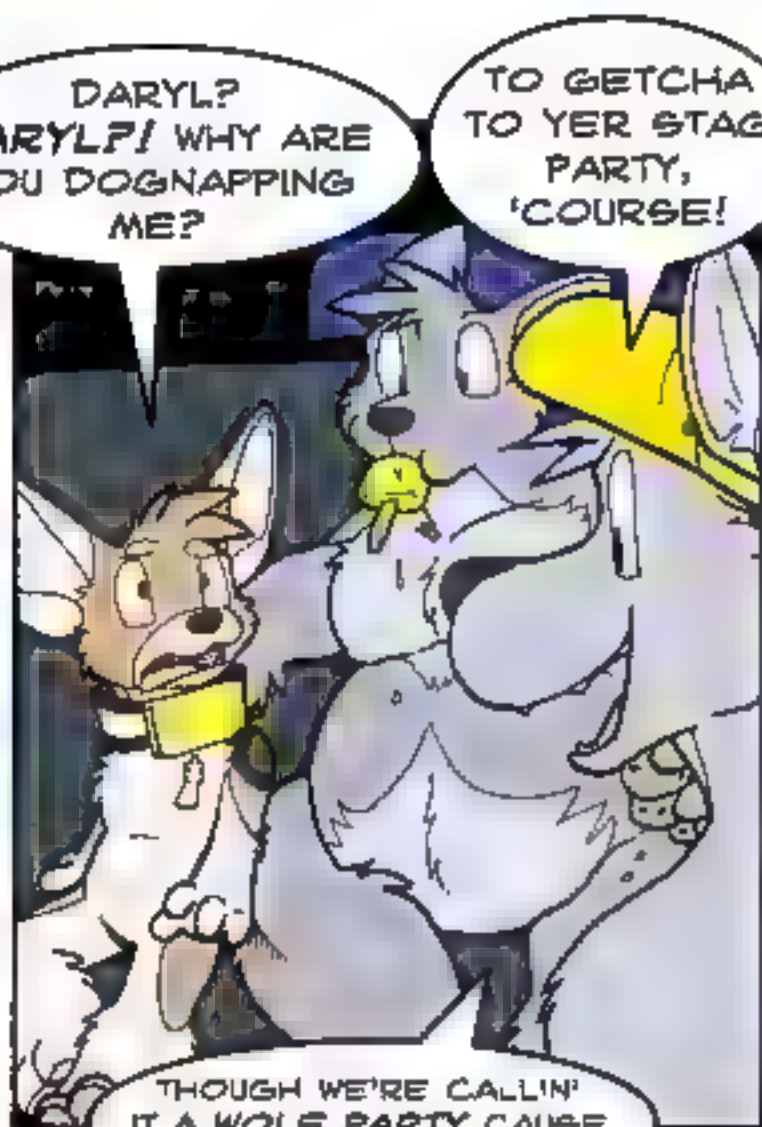
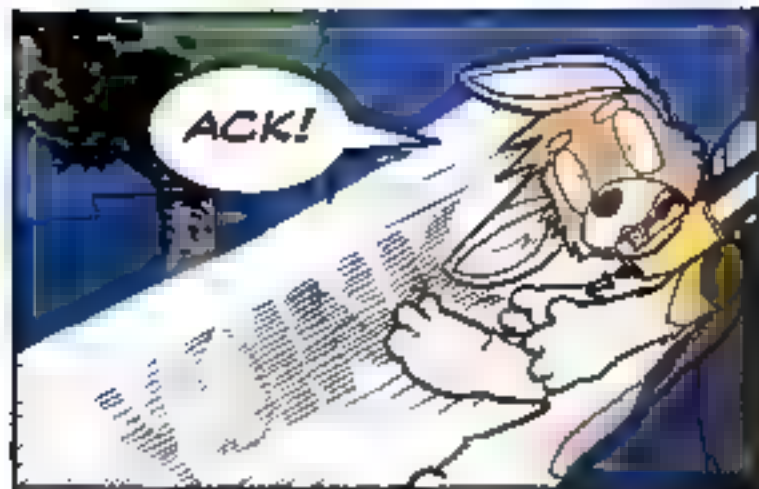
THIS IS WHY
THE PRACTICE RING
WAS MADE OF
PRETZEL



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DARYL?
DARYL?! WHY ARE
YOU DOGNAPPING
ME?

TO GETCHA
TO YER STAG
PARTY,
'COURSE!

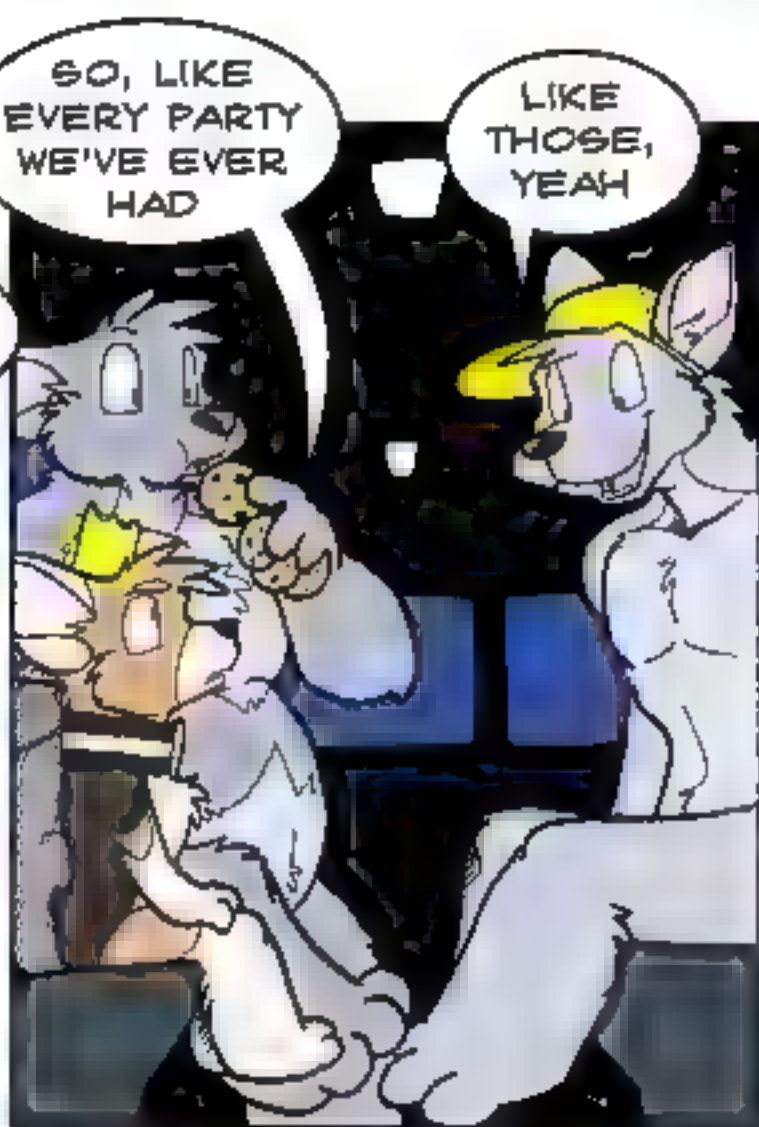
THOUGH WE'RE CALLIN'
IT A WOLF PARTY CAUSE
WE AIN'T NO STAGS



ONE LONG NIGHT OF
FOOD, DRINKS, MUSIC,
BILLIARDS--

DON'T
FORGET
FOOD

AND SCADS OF
LADIES WEARING
NOTHING AT ALL!



SO, LIKE
EVERY PARTY
WE'VE EVER
HAD

LIKE
THOSE,
YEAH



COME ON KING,
LIGHTEN UP! IT'S YOUR
PARTY! HAVE SOMETHING
TO DRINK!

LOOK, I
APPRECIATE IT, BUT I'M A
TOTAL LIGHTWEIGHT AND
DON'T WANT--



HEY THERE SAILOR,
WHAT'S YOUR POISON?

BAILEY
WHAT ARE YOU
DOING HERE



WHAT'S WRONG?
YOU ACTUALLY WANT TO
GET FRESH WITH *OTHER*
GIRLS?

THAT'S NOT
HOW THAT
WORKS!

YEAH, THAT
COMES AFTER
YOU'RE MARRIED!



DAY OF THE
WEDDING

WE'LL BE IN
THE BREAK ROOM,
DON'T KEEP BAILEY
WAITING, SILLY!

OKAY,
OKAY!

TOTALLY
GROSS,
DUDE

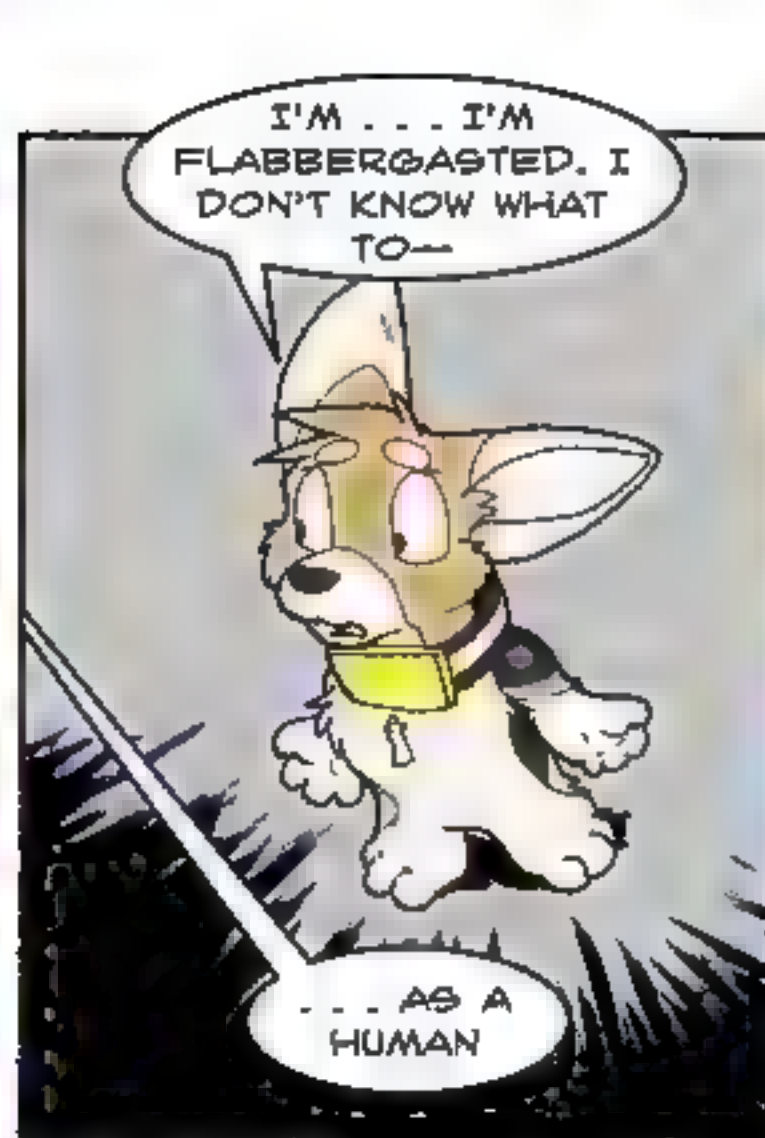
YOU'RE NOT
SUPPOSED TO
BE HERE

I'M NOT!
YOU ONLY THINK
YOU THINK I'M
HERE

DON'T THINK
ABOUT THAT
TOO HARD

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DON'T FEEL TOO BAD IF
YOU WANT TO REMAIN A DOG.
A LITTLE PHYSIOLOGICAL CHANGE
AND A DASH OF MUTUAL SUFFERING
MELT EVEN THE HARDEST OF
HEARTS



I AM FORFEITING IN
ONE YEAR, WITH OR WITHOUT
YOU. **WHEN** YOU DECIDE YOU
WANT TO REMAIN AS YOU ARE,
CALL ME

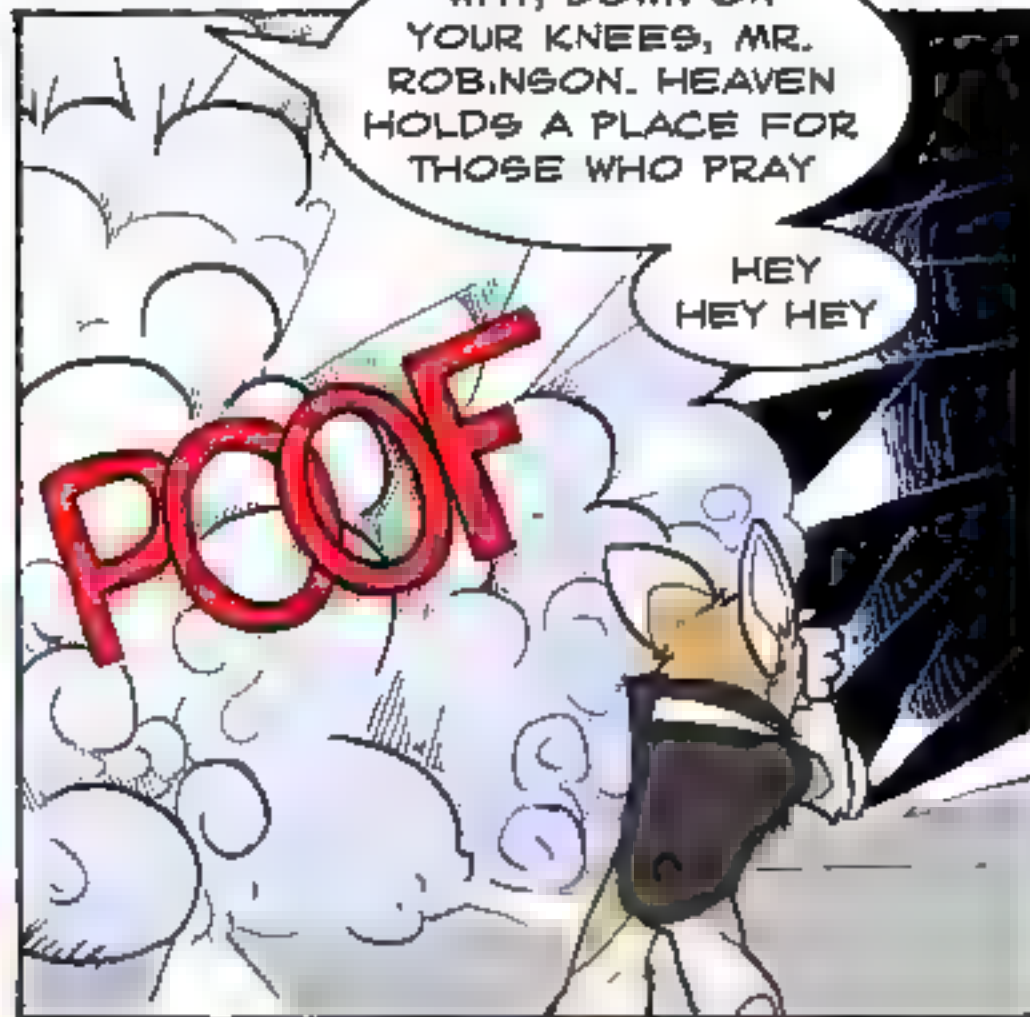
.... HOW?

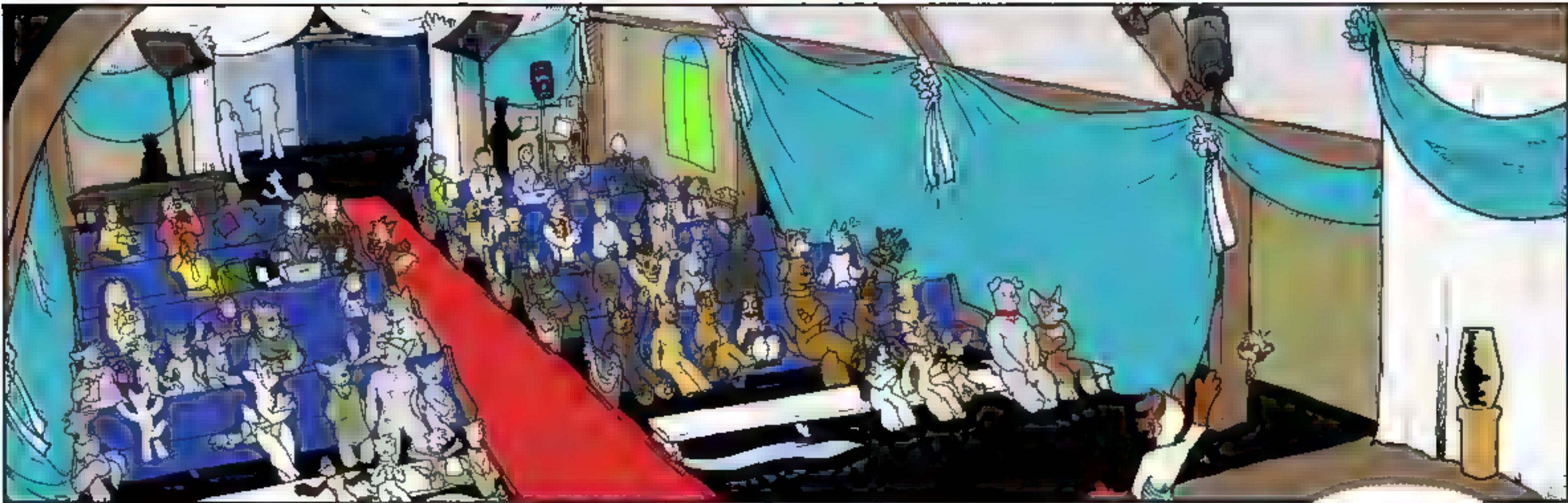


WHY, DOWN ON
YOUR KNEES, MR.
ROBINSON. HEAVEN
HOLDS A PLACE FOR
THOSE WHO PRAY

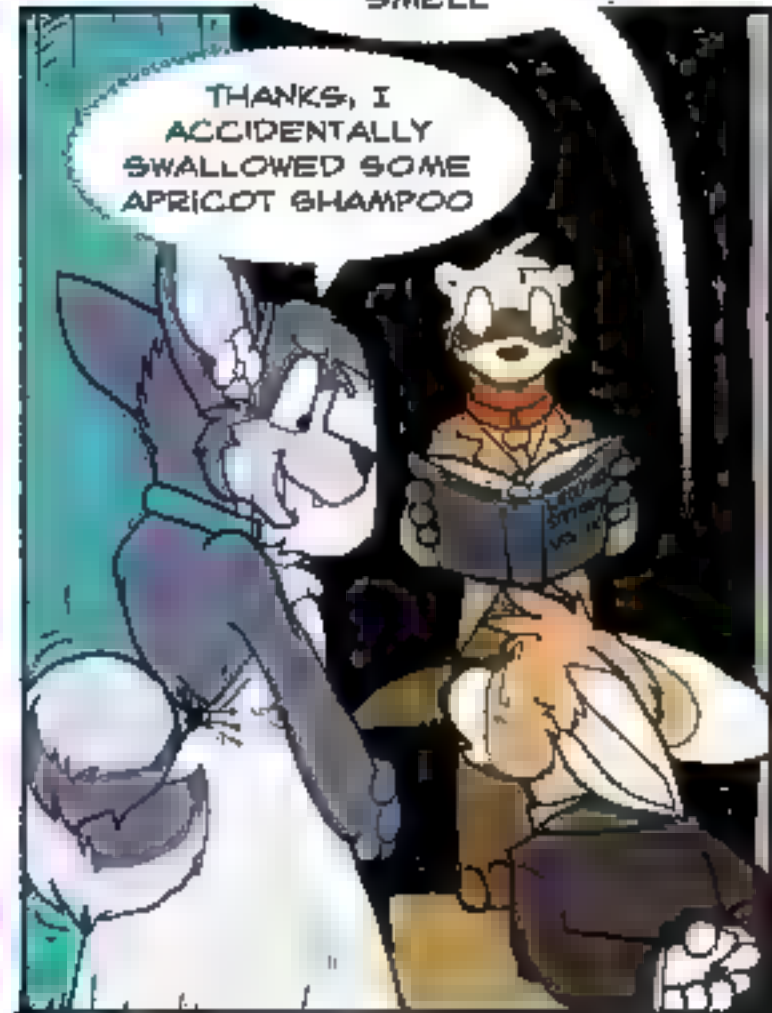
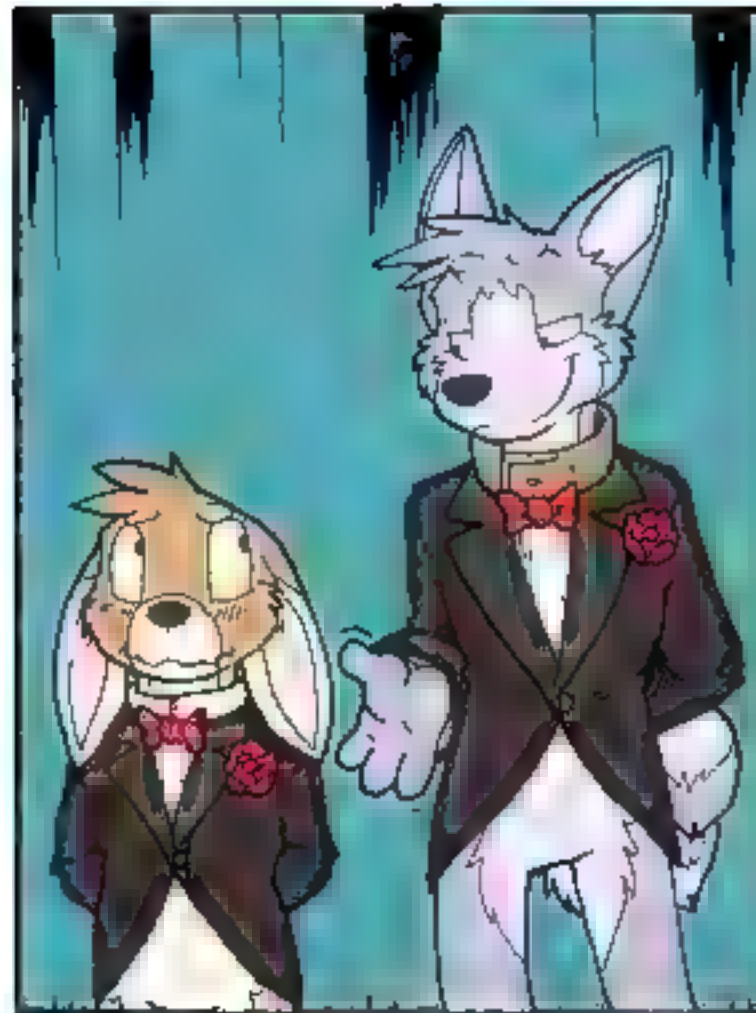
HEY
HEY HEY

POOF





YOU LOOK AS
AMAZING AS YOU
SMELL



... DEARLY
BELOVED, WE ARE
GATHERED HERE TO GET
THROUGH THIS THING CALLED
LIFE. WE ARE HERE TO
HONOR THESE
TWO ...



... THAT THEY MAY
BE JOINED IN (HOLY)
MATRIMONY, REACHING THIS
DECISION EITHER OF THEIR
OWN FREE WILL OR BY
SEVERE BRAIN DAMAGE,
EITHER BY INTENT OR ACT
OF GOD ...



LADIES AND
GENTLEMEN AND DOGS, IF
ANYONE HAS REASON WHY
THESE TWO SHOULD NOT
BE WED ...



... TELL IT TO MY
SECRET GOON
SQUAD



BY THE
"POWER" VESTED IN
ME BY THE STATE OF

COUGH! COUGH
COUGH!

I NOW PRONOUNCE
YOU DOG AND
WIFE

YOU MAY
KISS THE
BRIDE

WHATEVER THE
COST MAY BE . . .

CLAP CLAP

CLAP CLAP

WOOOO!

CLAP CLAP
CLAP CLAP
CLAP CLAP

GO KING!

CLACK

CLAP CLAP
CLAP CLAP

CLIP

KLOP

FLASH

CLAP CLAP

CLAP

AROOO!

CLAP CLAP

CLAP

CLAP

FLASH

CLIP

CLAP

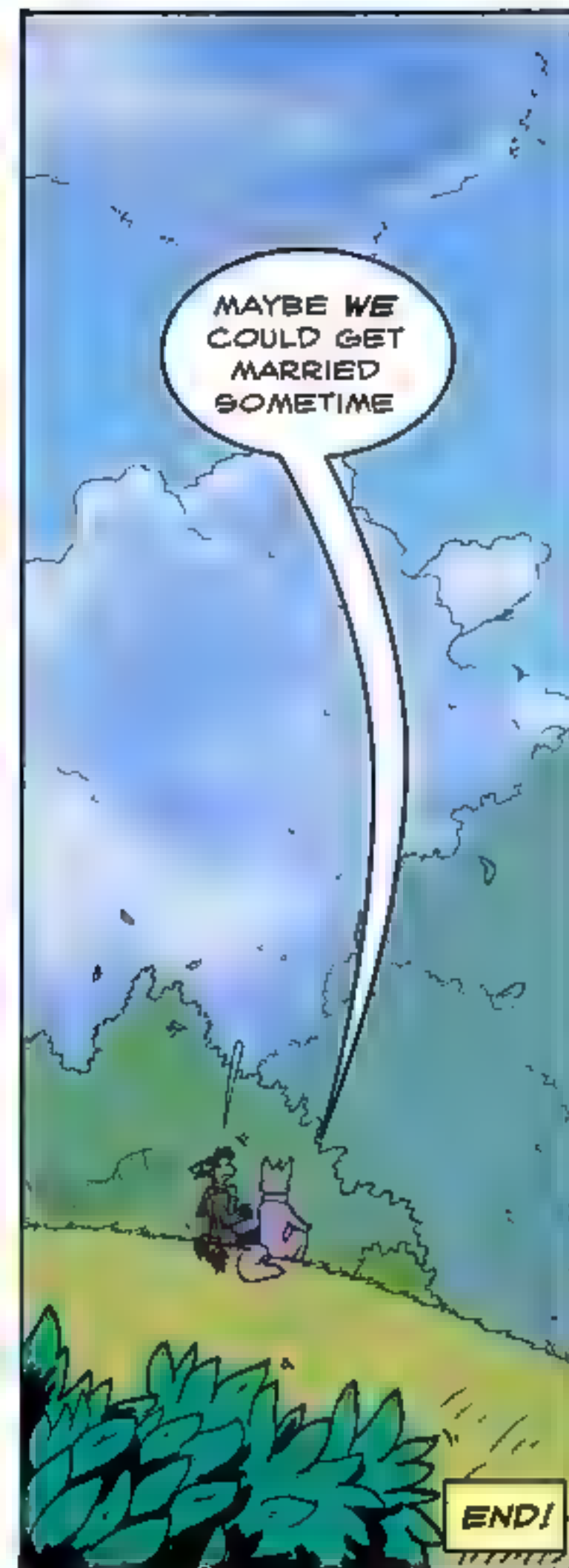
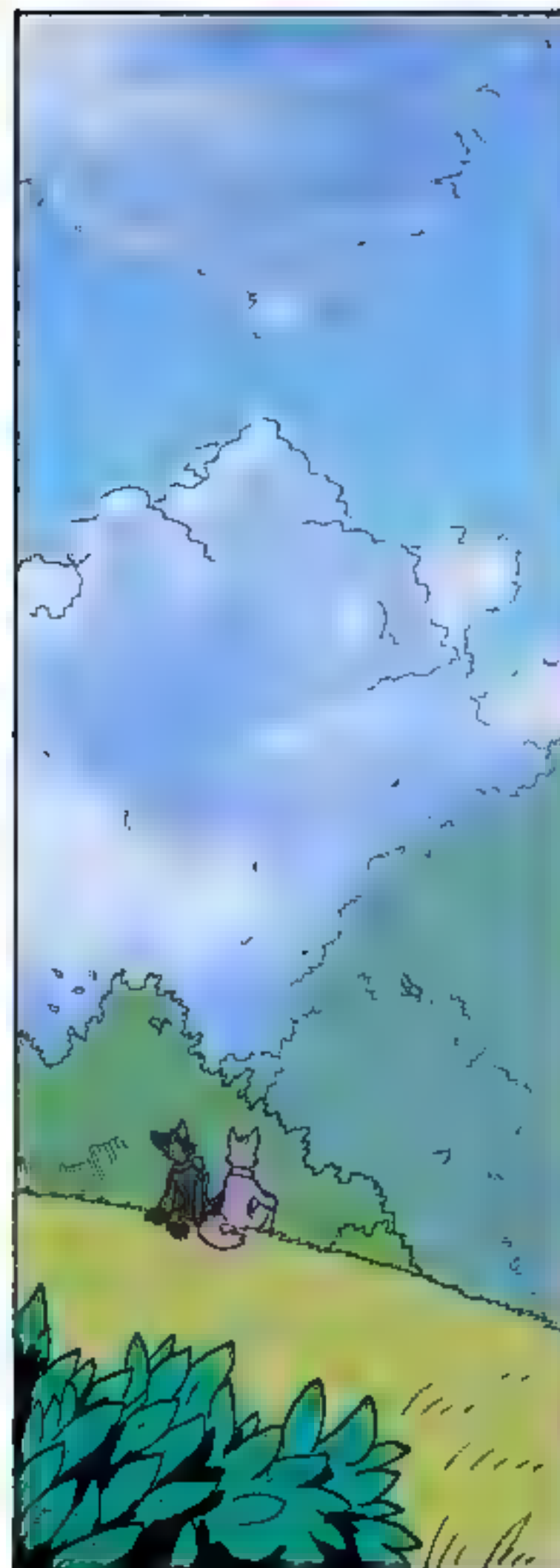
WHISTLE!!

KLIK

ARE YOU
MARRIED
NOW?

I DON'T
KNOW, LET
ME GET A
FEW MORE
SMOOCHES IN
TO MAKE
SURE IT
TOOK

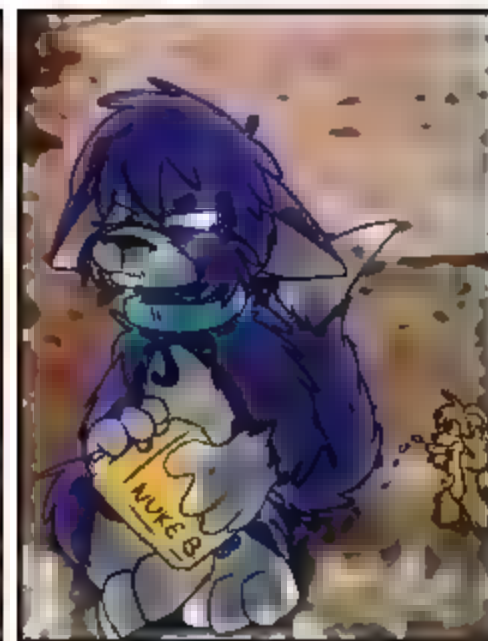
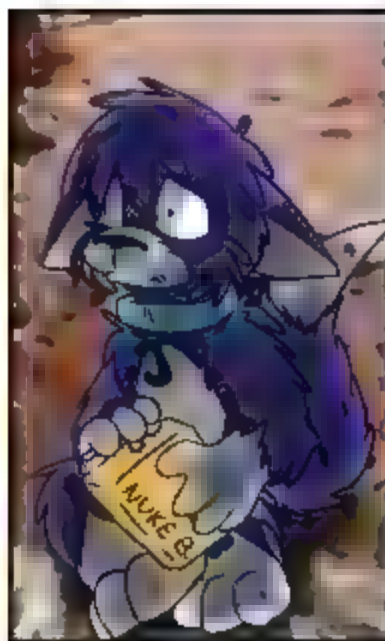
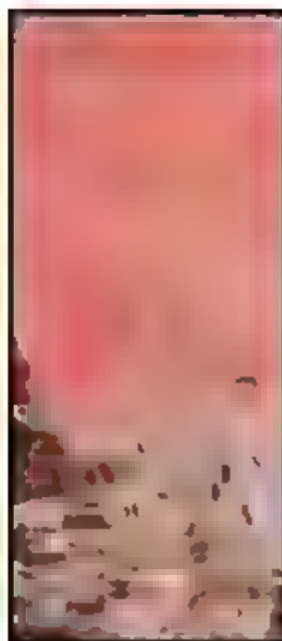
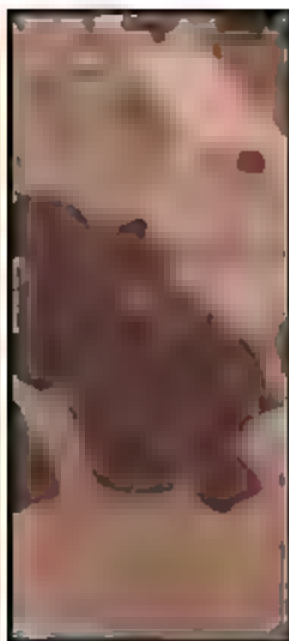
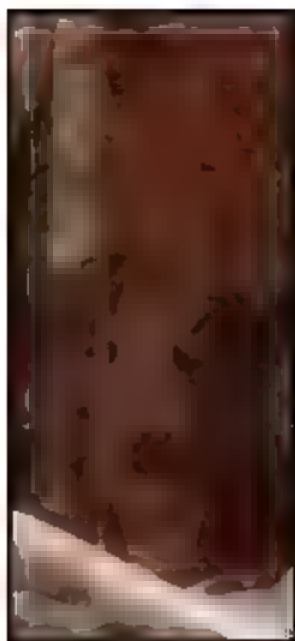
. . . I WILL MOVE
HEAVEN AND EARTH TO
GET TO YOU



BABYLON GARDENS



10:23 HOURS





...THAT'S WHEN I STOOD UP FOR MYSELF! I TOLD PETE THAT WE ARE LIVING BEINGS! THAT WE DESERVE BETTER THAN TO BE USED AS FODDER FOR SOME KIND OF CELESTIAL GAME!

OH? AND HOW WELL DID THAT WORK OUT FOR YOU?

DO YOU HAVE ANY THREES?

GO FISH!

...ABOUT AS WELL AS I EXPECTED...



CHAOKOCartoons

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Housepets!

Script by: Eric the Silly Zealot.
Drawn and coloured by: Rodrigo.

Hello, my name is John Dolttle.

Perhaps you have heard of me: I have the astounding ability of speaking with animals!

Of course, that power is not so astounding when almost every animal already knows how to speak.

Granted, I can understand what cows and insects are saying, but how much prestige is in there when "Mooo" means "I've got a tummyache" and "Bzzzz" stands for "pollen detected!"

My ability didn't help to stand out in society. Not even as a veterinarian!

Still, I think I've managed to get pretty decent job.





Well, the day is done
and that was fun

All went well if
I may say so

King and Bailey are
now tied as one

The cake could use
less pickles though



It may not be certain,
I may not be sure

But it'll turn out ok,
there's nothing to fear



Although you can't say
their future is clear

Might something happen
within the year?

Will they stick around? Will they be apart?
Will something happen to break Bailey's heart



Can we get a free
honeymoon too?

Do you even know what
a honeymoon is?



HEY KIDS!

ARE YOU BORED?
DEPRESSED?

~SIGH~
YEAH

WAIT, WHO
ARE YOU?

THEN YOU SHOULD TRY
SUGAR!

SUGAR?
WHAT'S THAT?

SUGAR IS THE ULTIMATE FOOD
SOURCE! THE MORE YOU EAT,
THE MORE FULFILLING YOUR
LIFE BECOMES!

EAT IT BY THE SPOONFUL! EAT
IT IN CONVENIENT CANDY FORM!
YOUR FORMER LIFE WILL BE
BUT A DIM SHADOW IN A VALLEY
OF REGRETS

SUGAR

LIFE IS PERFECT
WITH SUGAR™

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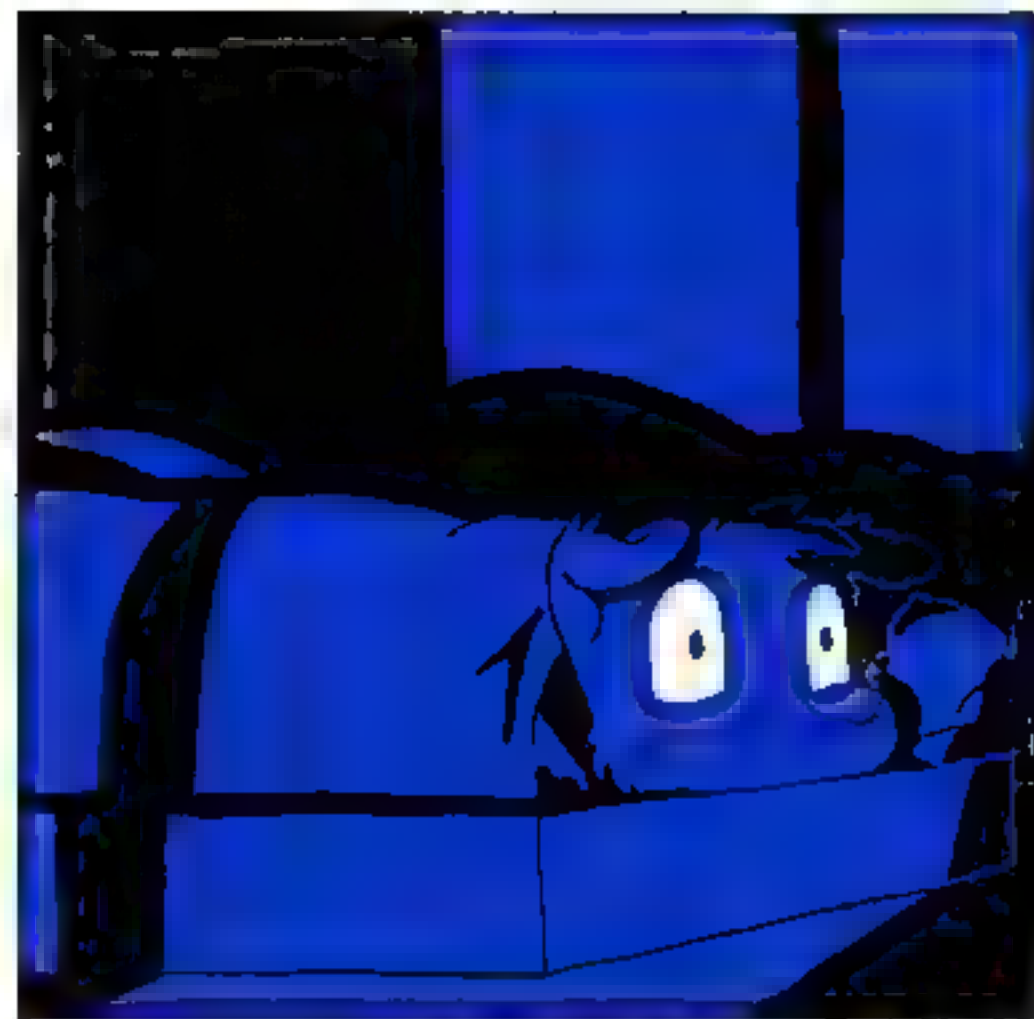
I'M PROUD OF
YOU, TIGER! I'M
GLAD YOU FINALLY
FOUND A SENSE
OF HUMOR OVER
YOUR NAME

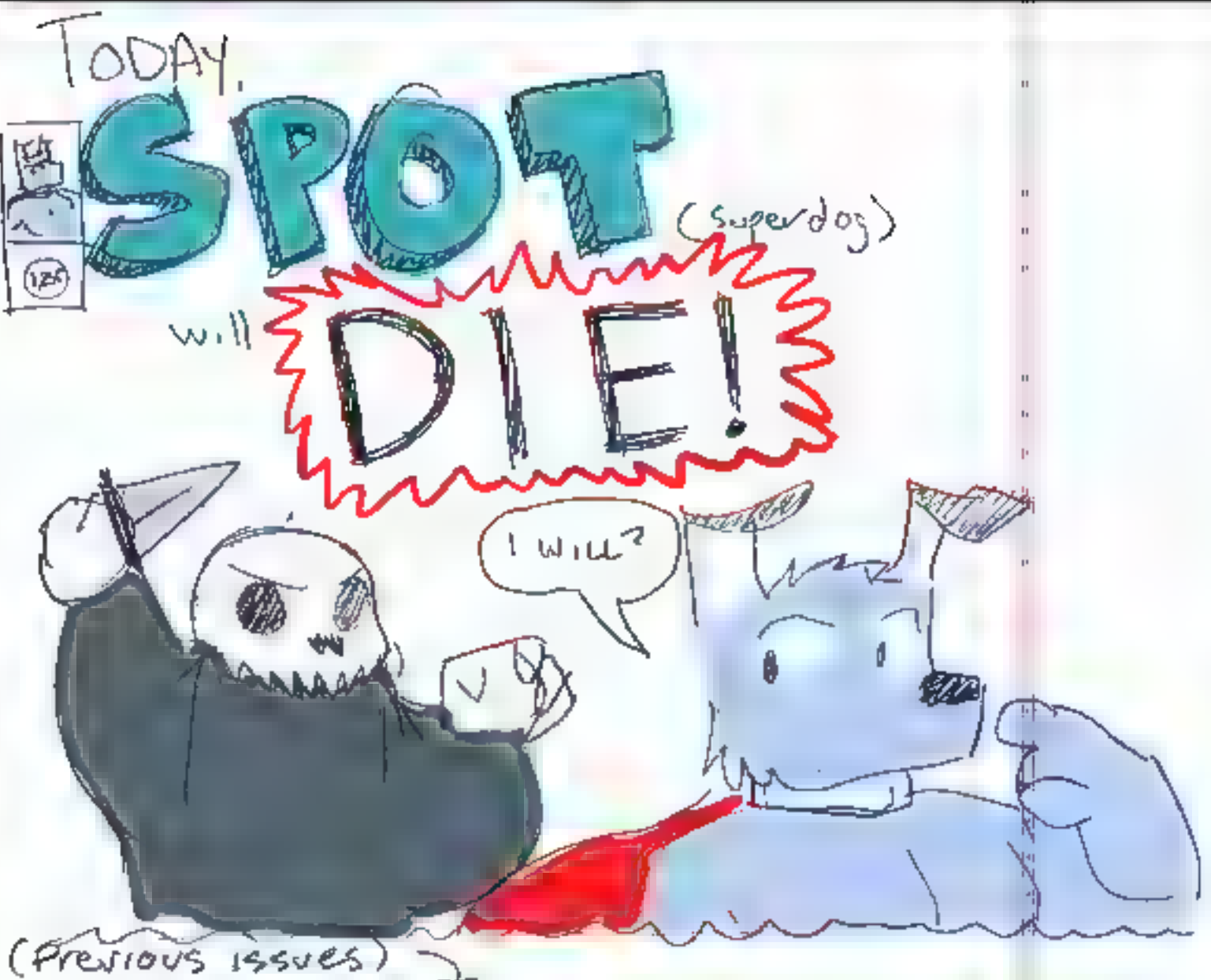
WELL YOU
KNOW! TIGERS
ARE PRETTY COOL
AFTER ALL, NO
SHAME IN
THAT!

SAY, WHAT'S FOR
BREAKFAST?

HAVE YOU TRIED
THIS CEREAL? IT'S
GRRRREAT!

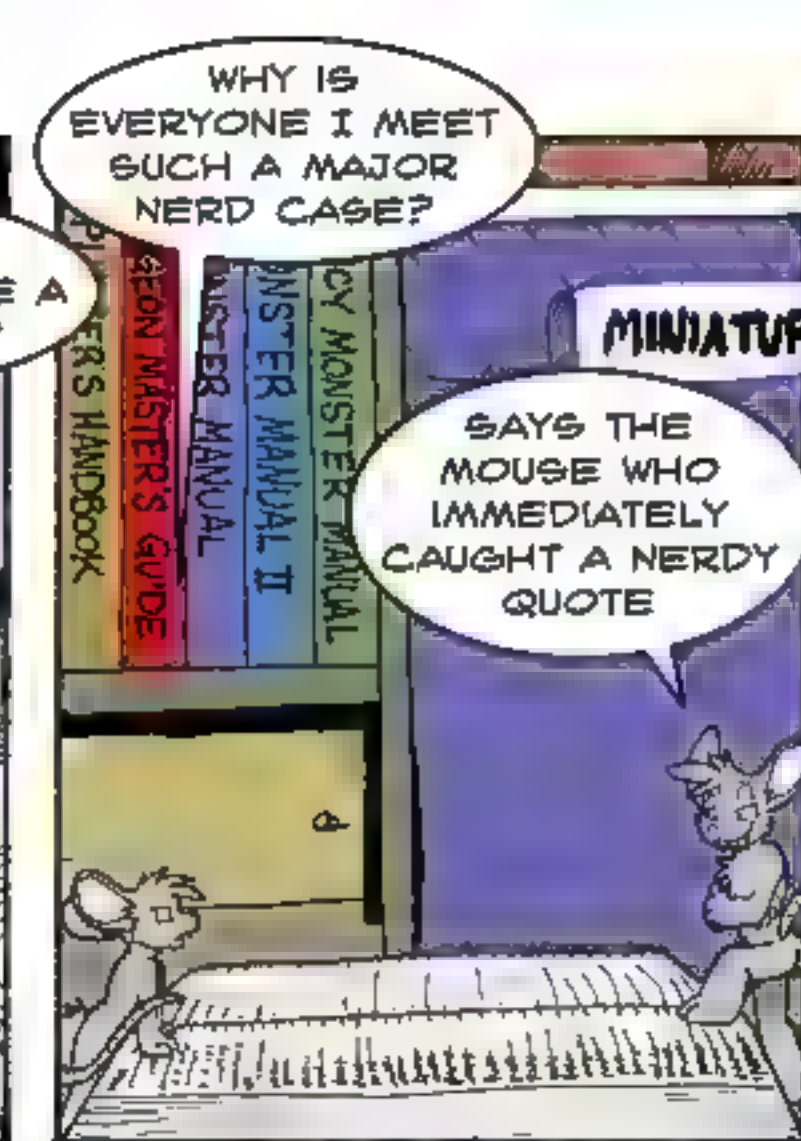
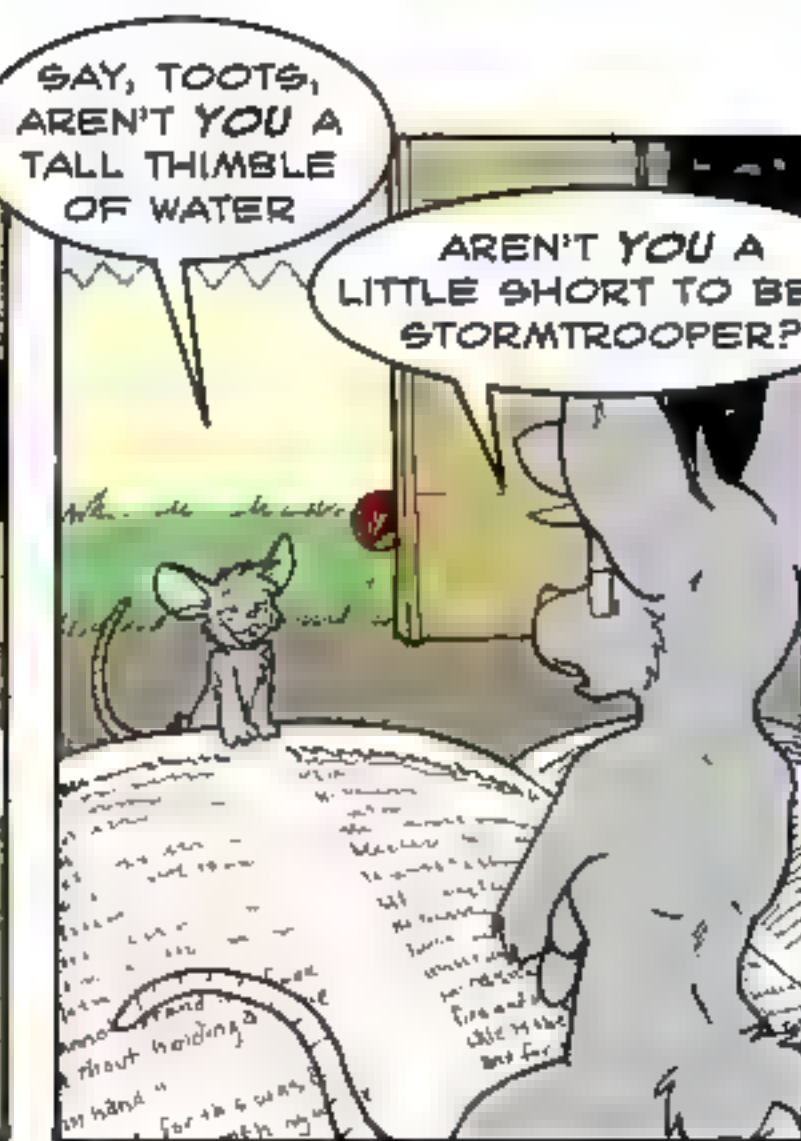
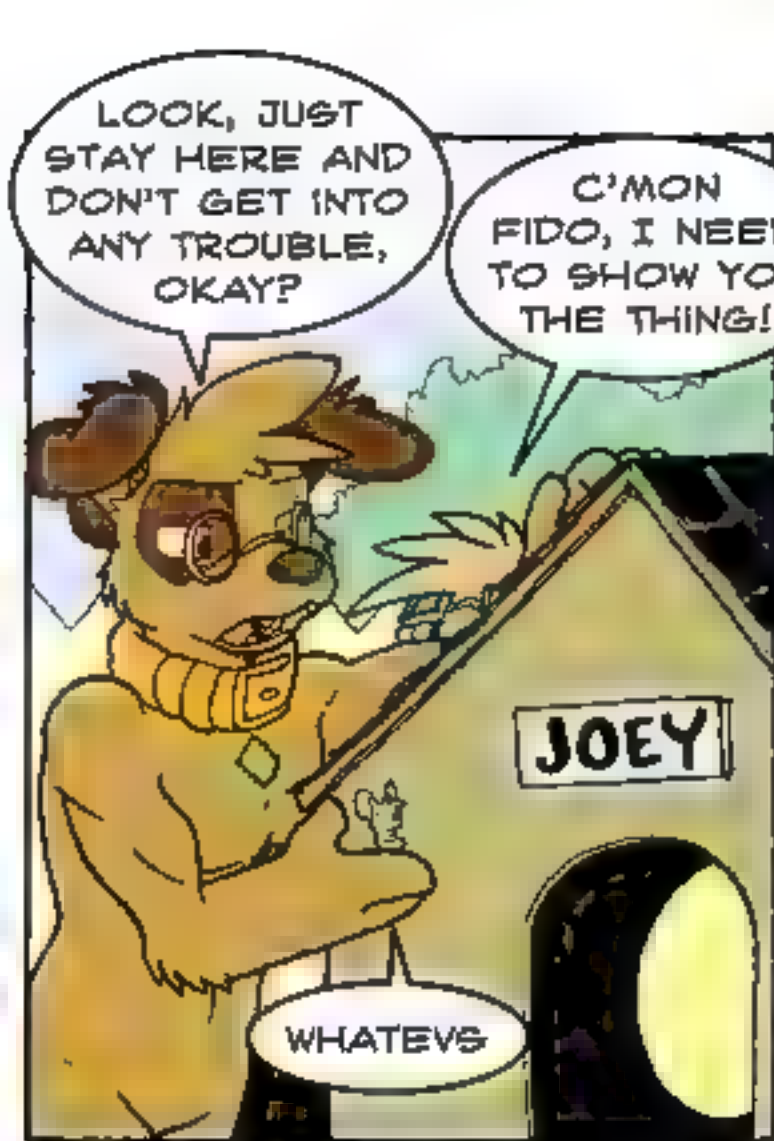
THEY KIDS!
A STUPID
CLOWARD





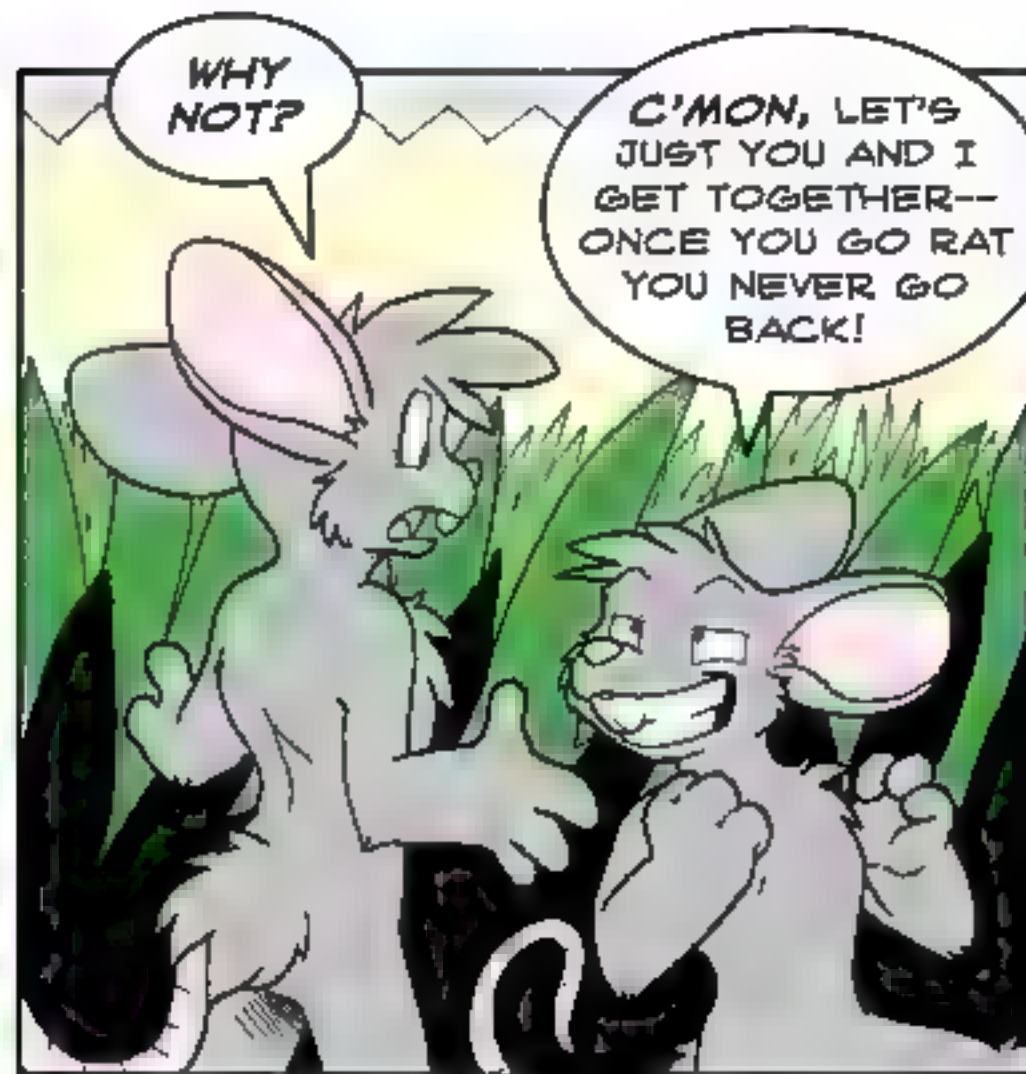
Will SPOT (superdog) DIE?	The DEATH OF SPOT (superdog)	WHO KILLED SPOT (superdog)?	LIFE, DEATH SPOT (superdog)	The BLACK SPOT	How I KILLED SPOT (superdog)	SPOT GETS CANCER
DIAL M FOR SPOT	SPOT (superdog) DIES AT THE END	MAHAHA I, STRIFE, HAVE KILLED SPOT	MAHAHA I, JIH-YU, HAVE KILLED SPOT	SPOT ACTUALLY DIES IN THIS ISSUE	OKAY SPOT DIES FOR REAL THIS TIME	SPOT IS DEAD







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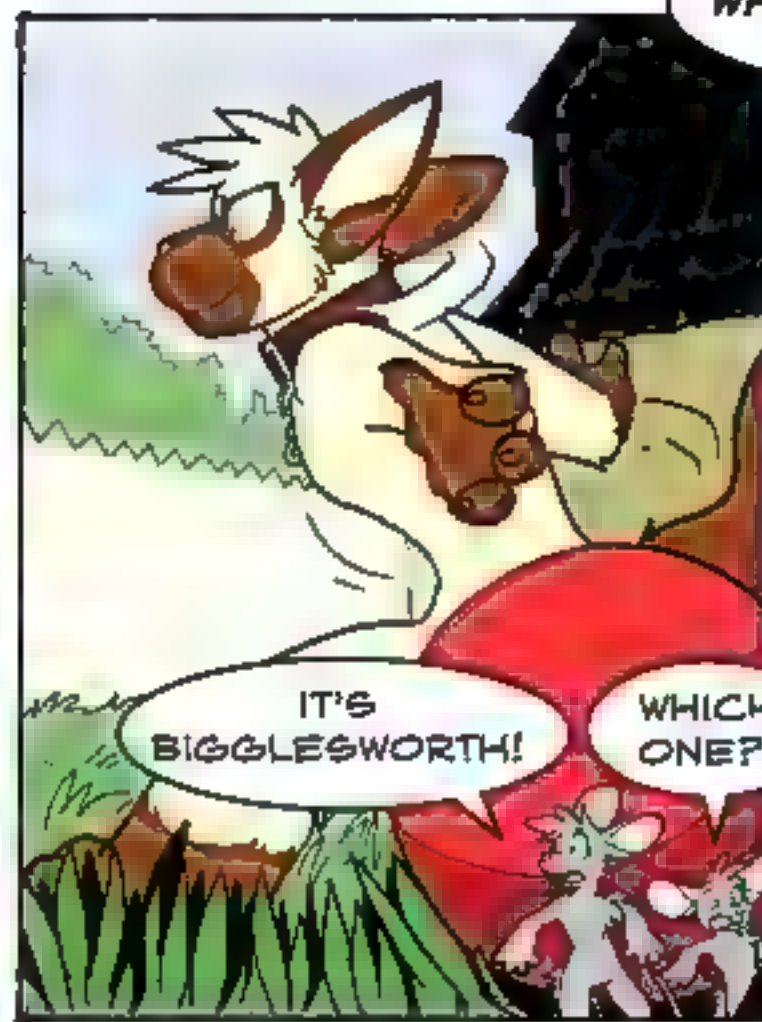
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I DON'T EVEN CARE
WHAT KIND OF WEIRD
JIGGY-JAMES THE STUPID
BIG-NOSES PARTICIPATE IN,
BUT WHAT DO YOU **SEE**
IN THEM?

WELL . . .



EEK!



IT'S
BIGGLESWORTH!

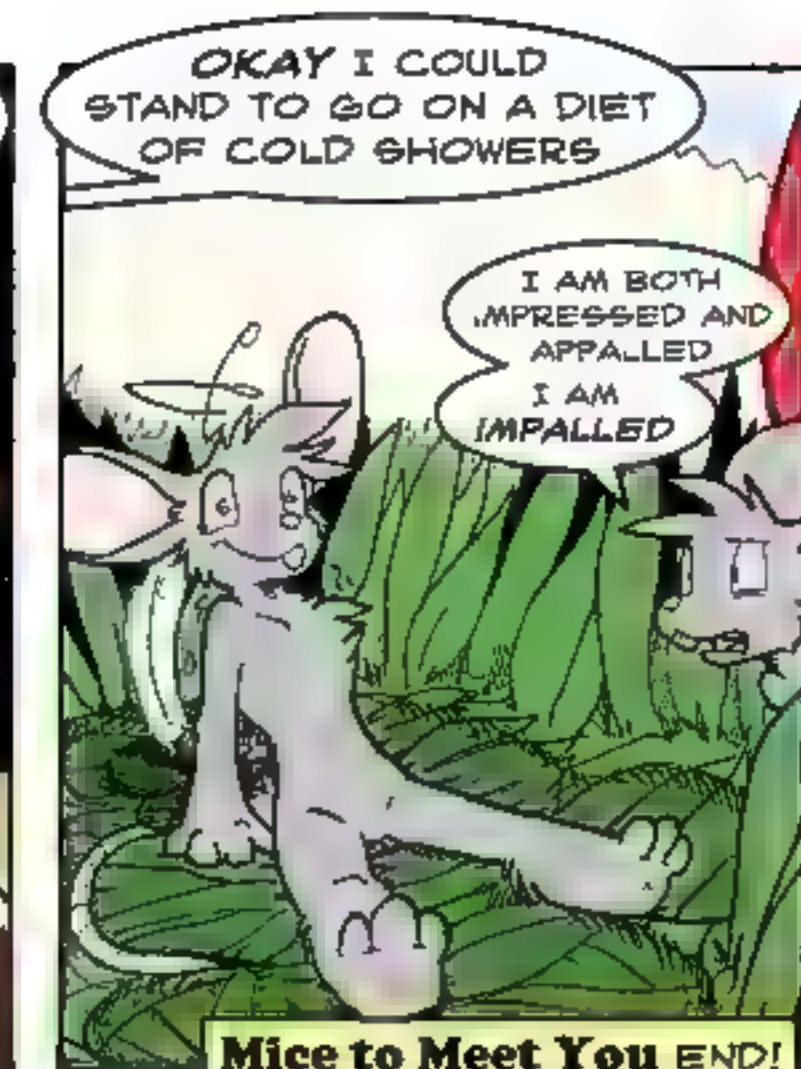
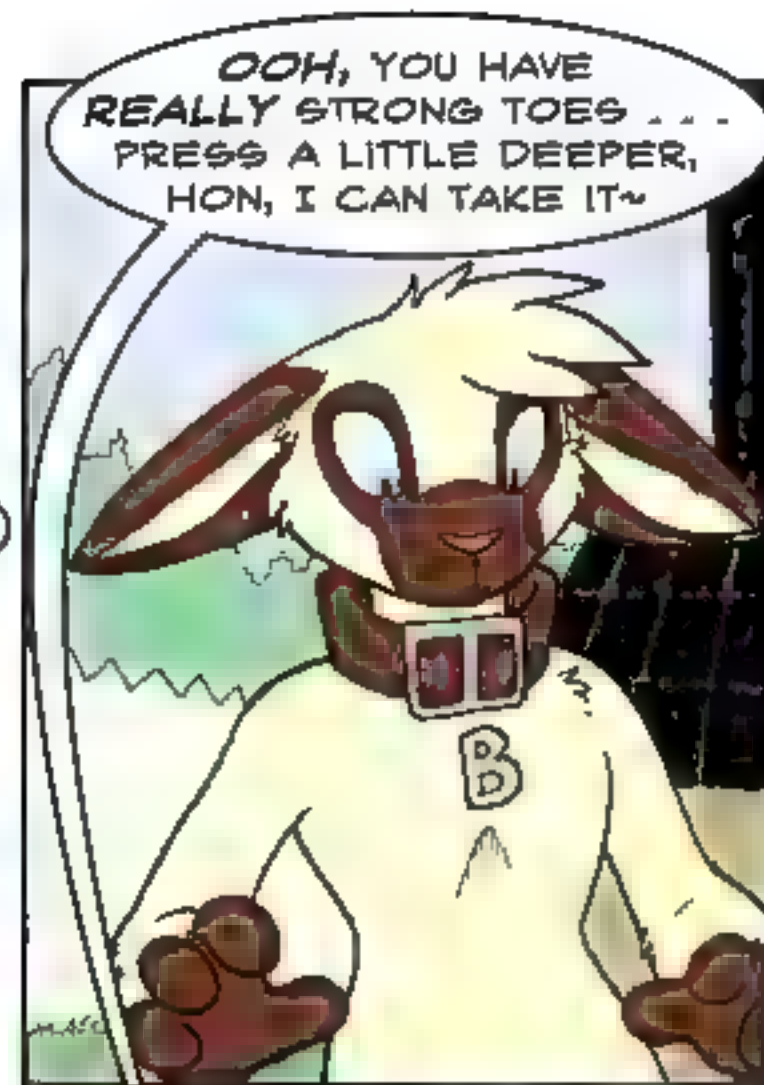
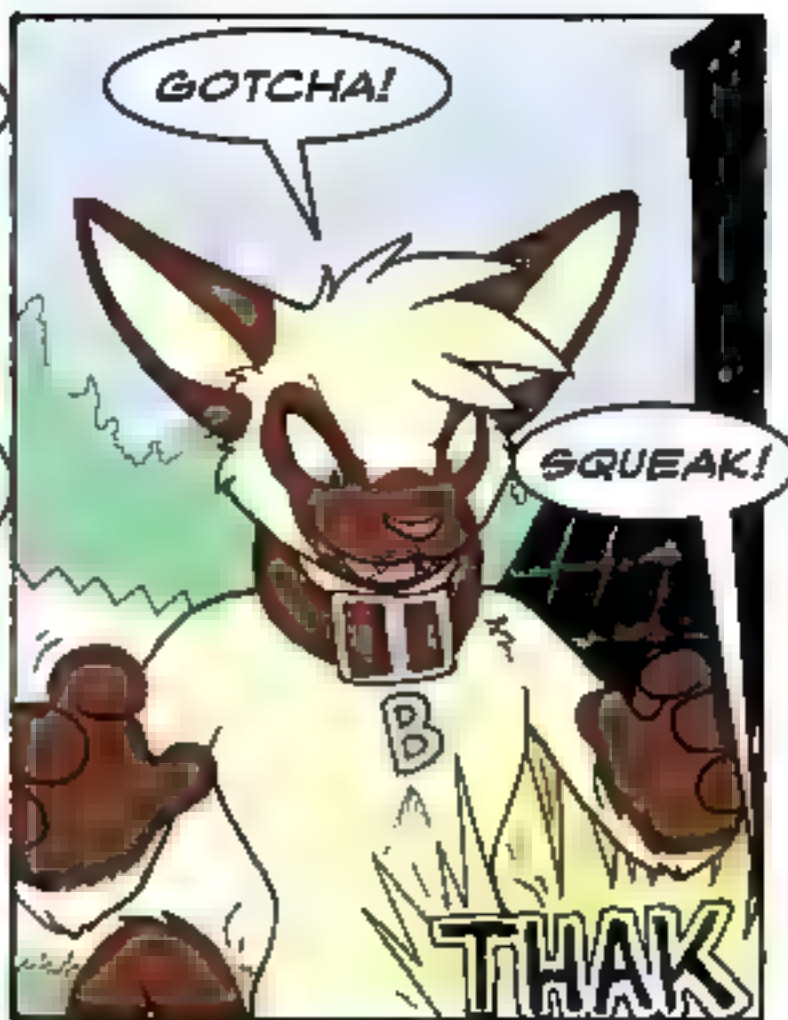
WHICH
ONE?!

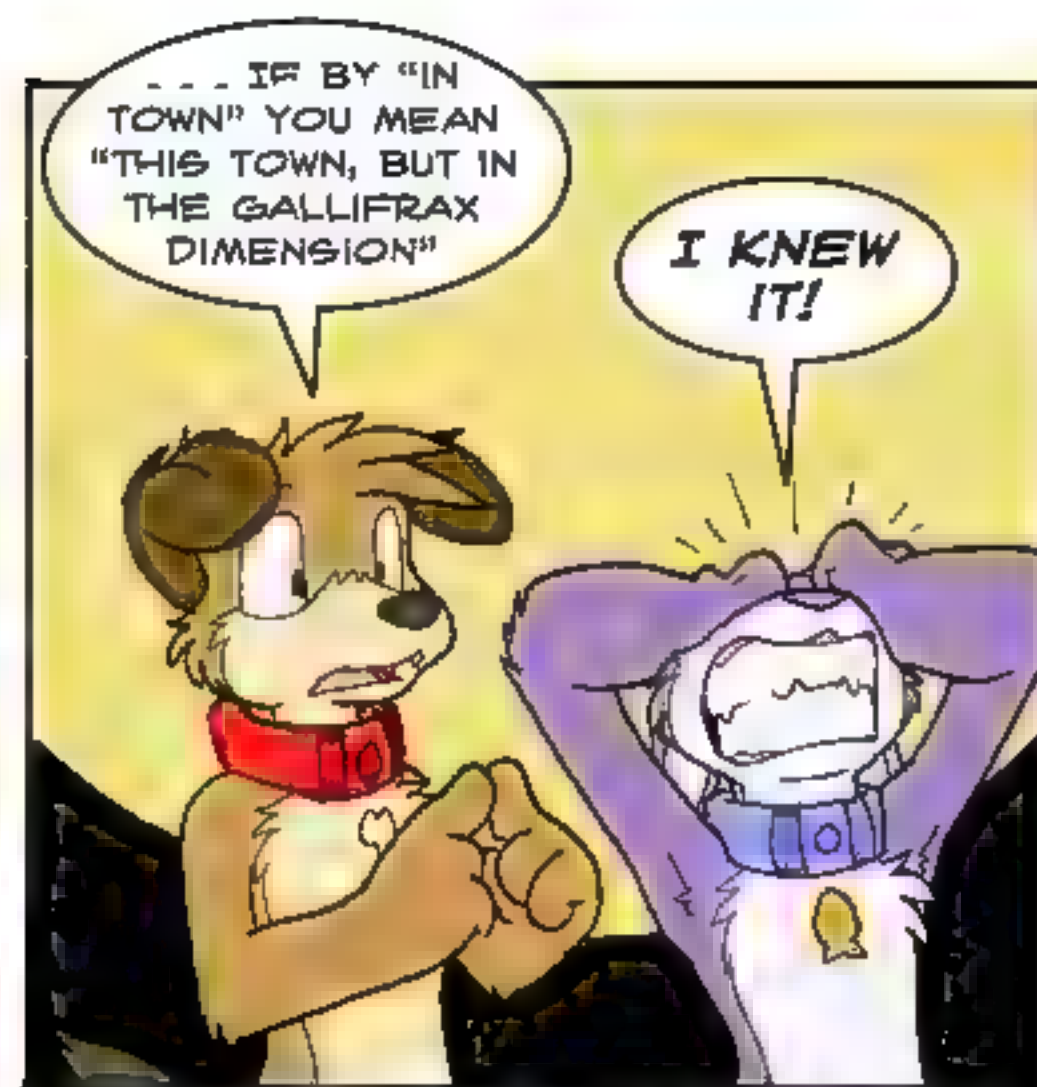
THE LEFT ONE
WHY IS THAT EVEN
A QUESTION

CAREFUL
CONSIDERATION OF
THE SITUATION, AND
NOT UNTHINKING
PANIC?



COME ON GUYS
I'M HUNGRY AND MOM
MISCOUNTED AGAIN





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THE GALLIFRAX PROTOCOL

WHEN YOU
AND PEANUT GO
ALL THESE PLACES
IT'S LIKE I'M BEING
TOLD TO STAY HOME
AND WATCH TV WHILE
YOU'RE GOING TO A
WATER PARK OR
SOMETHING



NOT REALLY--THE
MULTIVERSE CAN BE
DANGEROUS FOR
MORTALS

IS "GALLIFRAX" A
DANGEROUS PLACE FOR
MORTALS?

SOMETIMES

WHY GO
THERE,
THEN?



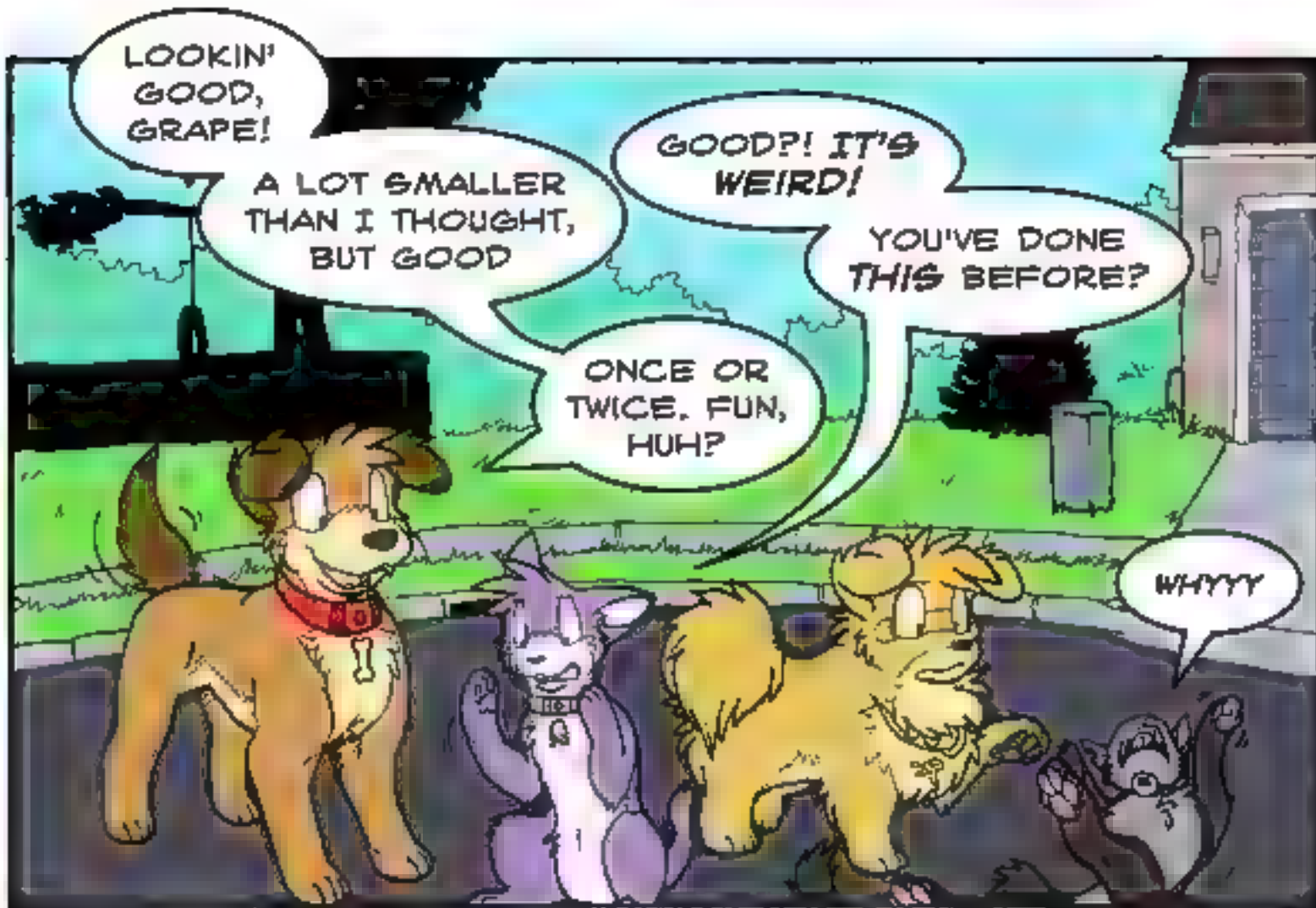
... THEY HAVE
THIS AWESOME
WATER PARK

YOU
SEE?!





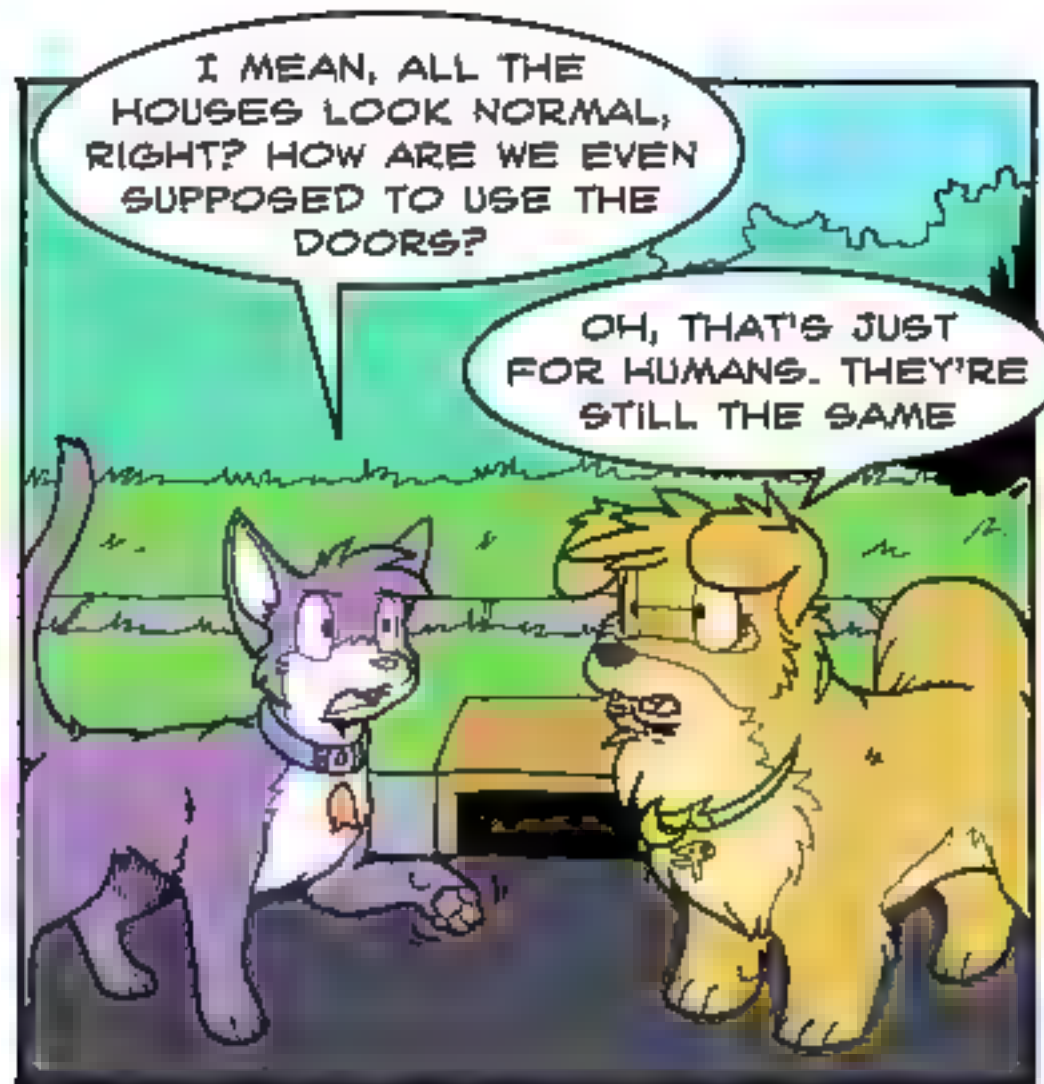




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GREAT! NOW
THIS UNIVERSE IS
SPINNING! WHAT ARE
WE EVEN DOING
HERE?!

I KNOW IT'S
STRANGE MAX, BUT
IT'S WORTH IT FOR
THE AWESOME
WATER PARK!

OH, WE'RE NOT *GOING* TO
THE WATER PARK, I ONLY SAID THIS
UNIVERSE HAS ONE

YEAH, IT *IS* PRETTY
AWESOME BUT WE'VE BEEN HITTING
THE THEME PARKS HARD
LATELY, GO--

WHERE ARE
YOU GOING?!

WE WERE GOING
TO SEE AIR BUD 12
AT THE DOLLAR
THEATER

SHE'S A BIG
GIRL NOW "DADDY",
YOU GOT TO LET
HER GO

I WAS HOPING
GRAPE AND MAX
WOULD HANG OUT BUT
MEETING IN THE PARK
LATER IS OKAY
TOO!

ACTUALLY IT'S
BETTER THEY'RE GONE, I
HAVE SOMETHING KINDA
SERIOUS TO TALK ABOUT
LATER

TAROT! DO
YOU HAVE
FLEAS?

WHAT?
NO!

BUT YOU'D TELL
ME IF YOU DID,
RIGHT?

PEANUT, YOUR BLUNT
HONESTY IS *USUALLY*
YOUR MOST ADMIRABLE
QUALITY

MAX, I'M STARVING. YOU'RE LUCKY THE FISH MARKET IS IN THE SAME PLACE

DON'T WORRY GRAPE, IT'S MY RESPONSIBILITY TO SHOW A LADY A GOOD TIME

I HAVE TO WEAR THE PANTS IN THIS RELATIONSHIP

MAX, EVEN IF WE WEREN'T QUADRUPEDS

FISH MARKET

EXCUSE ME! I'D LIKE TO SEE YOUR FRESHEST SELECTION!

MROW
MEO
MEOW

MAX, SOMETHING'S WRONG, HE CAN'T UNDERSTAND US

I NOTICED, BABE! I GOT THIS

¡OYE, CEREBRO DE BACALAO! ¡TENGO MEMORIZADA LA TARJETA DE CRÉDITO DE MI PAPÁ! ¡ATIENDEME!

GRAPE, WHERE ARE YOU GOING? THE BEST FISH IS KEPT BEHIND THE--

BOOT

SAY, THIS SETUP
WOULDN'T LOOK LIKE **LADY
AND THE TRAMP** BECAUSE
YOU WANT TO RECREATE THAT
SCENE, WOULD IT?

MAAAYBE

SORRY! THE SPAGHETTI'S ALL
GONE, SO I MADE YOU RIGATONI,
CAPICHE?

YOU KNOW, I
NEVER ACTUALLY
SAW THAT MOVIE

ME
EITHER

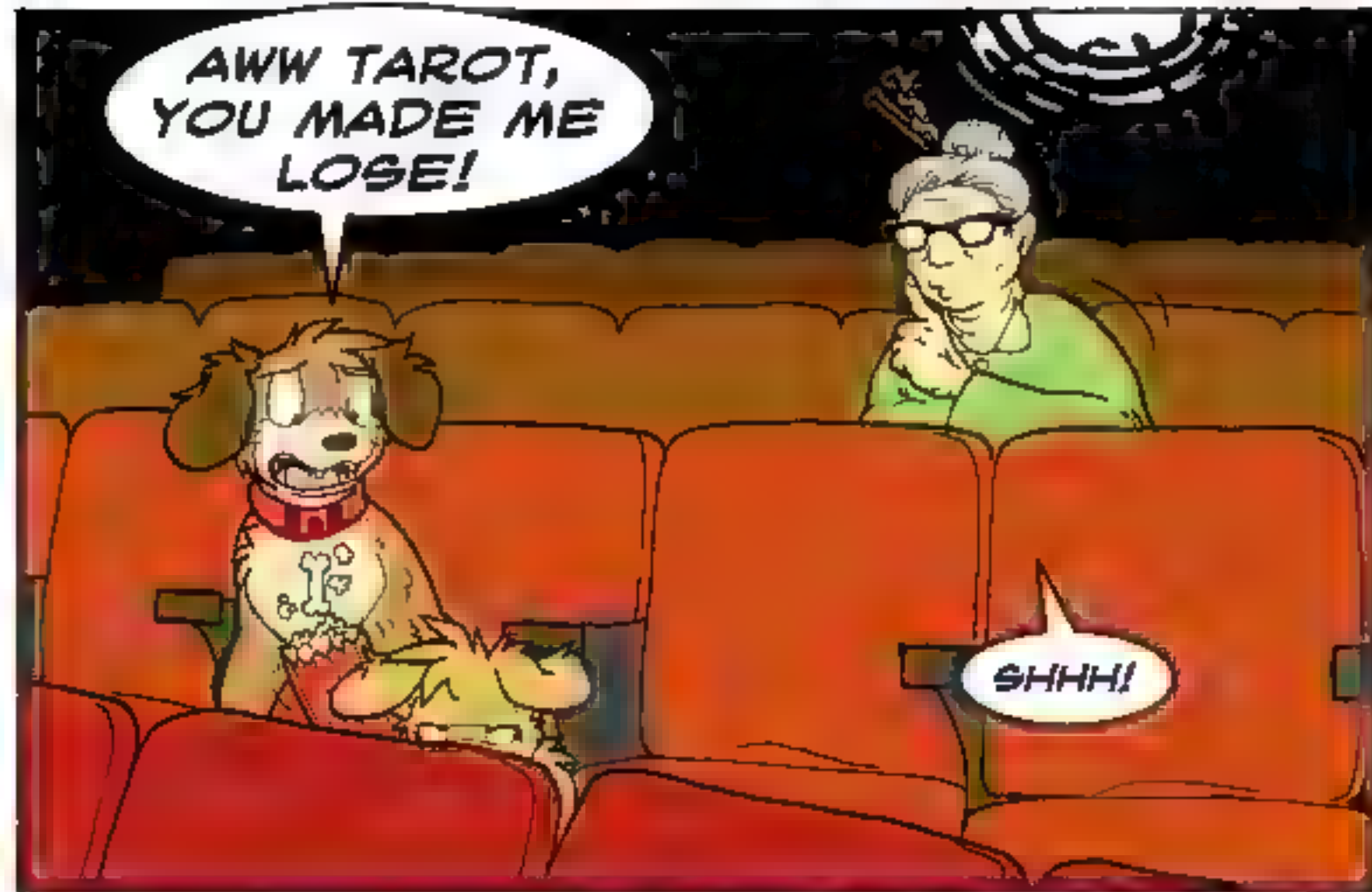
Groumf
Mouf
MONF
OMF



FOUR FEET IS
CHEATING!

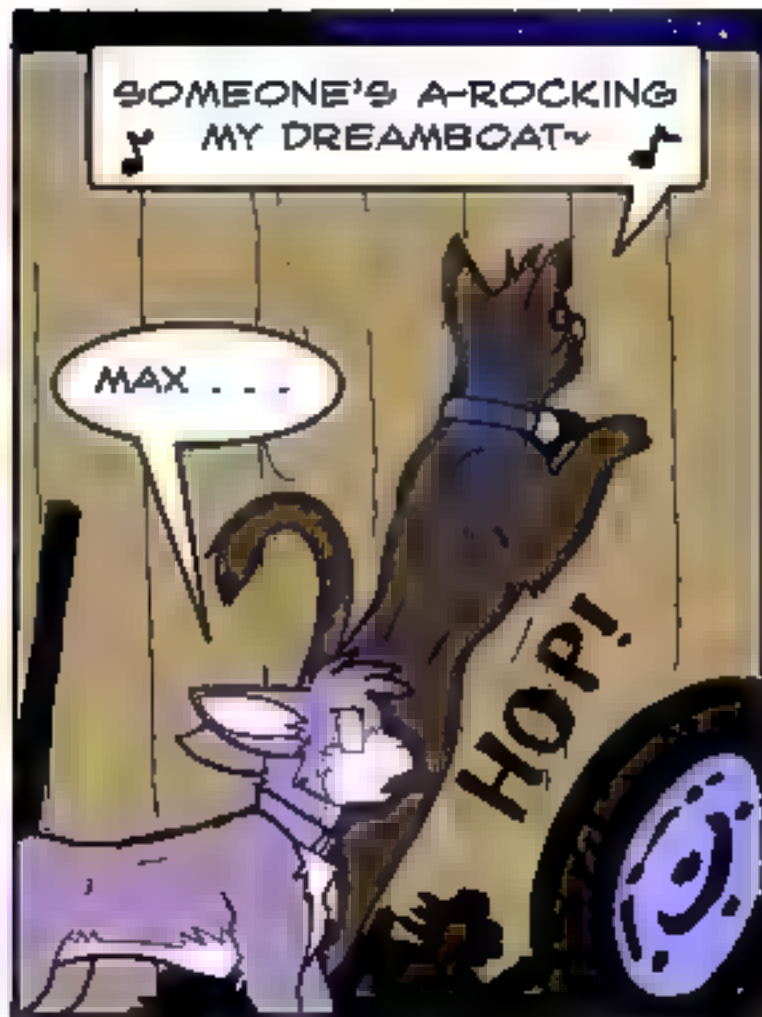
YOU'RE JUST
SORE 'CAUSE YOU'RE
LOSING!







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I CAN'T STAND THE
SUSPENSE! WHAT ARE YOU
GOING TO TALK TO ME
ABOUT?!

YEAH I KNOW
YOUR DRAGON
FORM! IT'S
AWESOME

YOU KNOW
ABOUT THE
DRAGON,
RIGHT?

SHE'S NOT
MY "FORM",
PEANUT

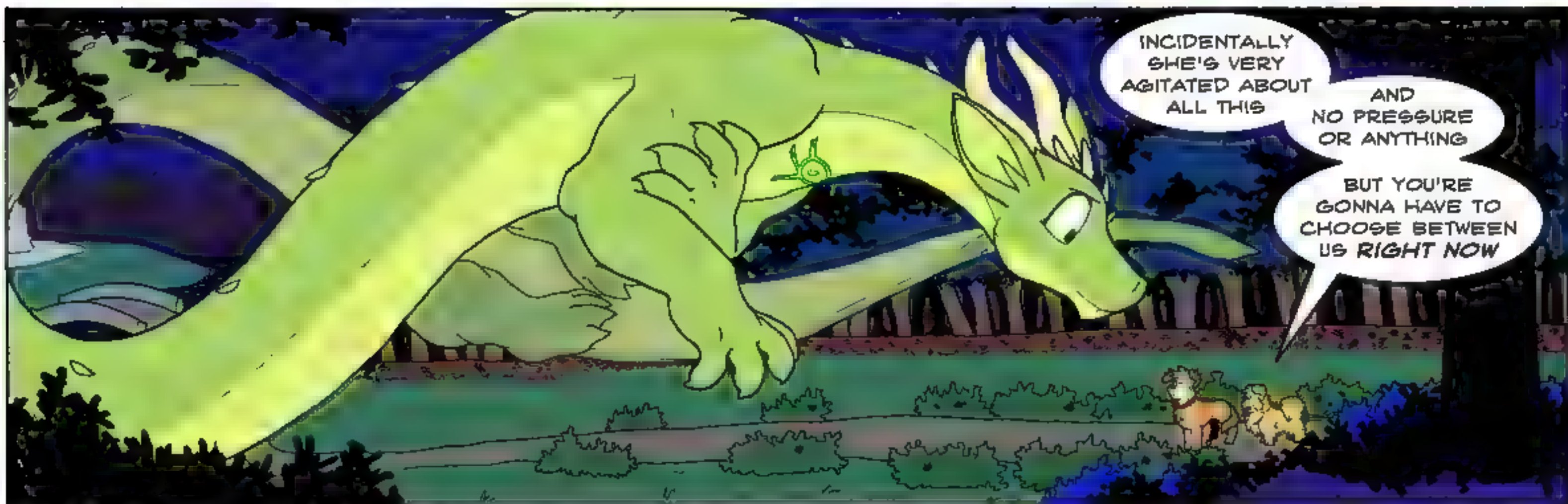
WE'RE
SEPARATE
ENTITIES

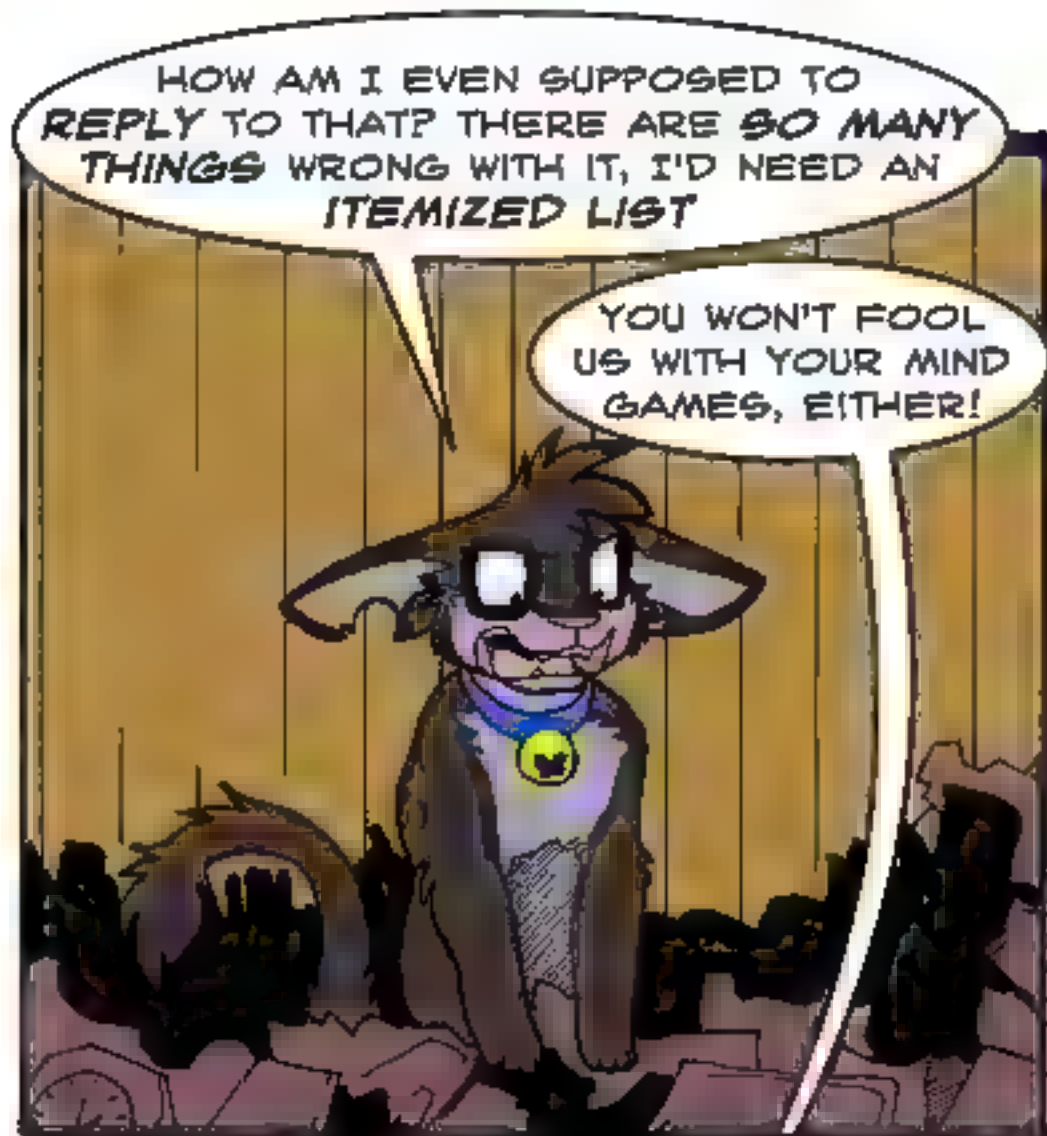
I'VE
BEEN
CHEATING
ON
YOU?!

NO!

WELL YES BUT NOT
TECHNICALLY--

LOOK THIS
IS WHAT I
WAS TRYING
TO AVOID







PEANUT, I CANNOT
BEAR THIS ANY LONGER--IT
IS I WHO LOVE YOU, DEEPLY
AND TRULY

WE WENT
ON *ONE*
DATE



BUT IT WAS I WHO GAVE
YOU THOSE GIFTS, LIKE YOUR
TELEPATHIC BOND

WHATEVER
HAPPENED TO THAT
ANYWAY?



THAT'S THE PROBLEM.
DRAGON'S BICKERING WITH
ME TURNED INTO FIGHTING,
AND THAT WEAKENS OUR
BOND IN TURN

HAVEN'T
YOU NOTICED
MY FUTURE
SIGHT HAS
BEEN OFF
LATELY?



I THOUGHT
YOU WERE
JUST TURNING
NORMAL

THAT IS . . .
I'M GOING TO
HIDE BEHIND
THOSE BUSHES
TO THINK?



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I HAD
THAT

THEN YOU SURE
PULLED A CONVINCING
STAGE SHOW--WAS THE
FACE-CHEWING
CHOREOGRAPHED, OR
WAS IT IMPROV?

LOOK, WE'RE
FINE! AT LEAST
THINGS CAN'T--

KRAKKOOM!

I WASN'T
GONNA SAY
IT!



WHAT IS
GOING ON
HERE?!



OKAY SO THIS
DRAGON IS A DEMIGOD
THING AND IS THE SOURCE
OF TAROT'S SUPERPOWERS AND
SHE WANTED ME TO BE HER
BOYFRIEND BUT I SAID NO
CAUSE THAT'D BE WRONG AND
THIS ALL HAPPENED AND
NOW I DON'T KNOW
WHAT TO DO!

WHAT?!



NO

I'VE SEEN SOME **CARP** IN
THIS PLACE BUT THIS IS UTTERLY
RIDICULOUS!

HAS EVERYTHING BEEN
HER DOING?! CAN'T SHE DO
EVERYTHING?!

WHAT
DOES **SHE**
HAVE TO
MOURN?!



HOW CAN A GOD EVEN
CLAIM TO KNOW WHAT
PAIN IS?!

TO KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE
NOT TO LOSE, BUT TO **SINK**
TO THE **BOTTOM?!**



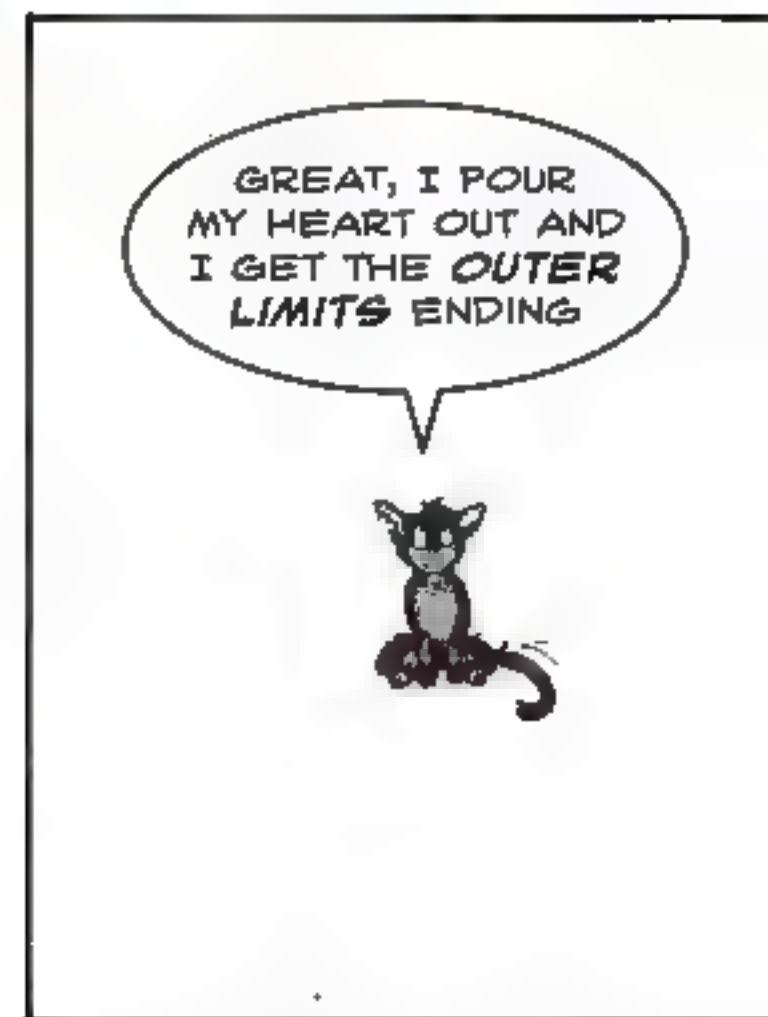
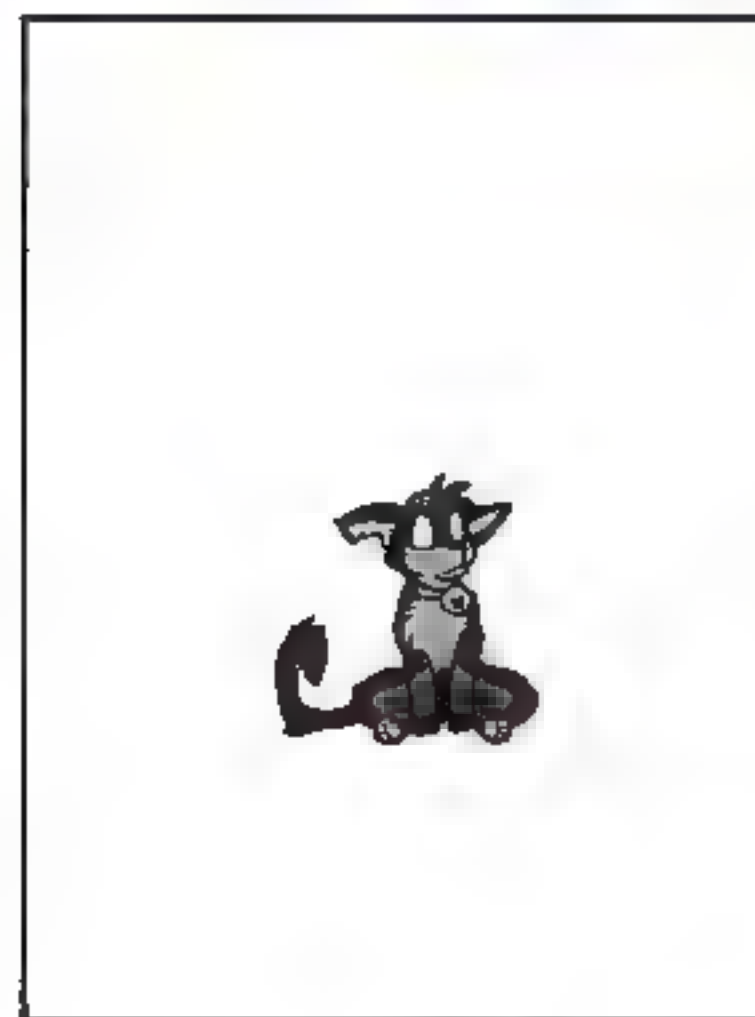
HOW CAN A GOD KNOW
WHAT IT FEELS LIKE

WHEN IT'S NOT
CIRCUMSTANCES OR
INTERFERENCE OR EVEN
ALL THE BAD LUCK

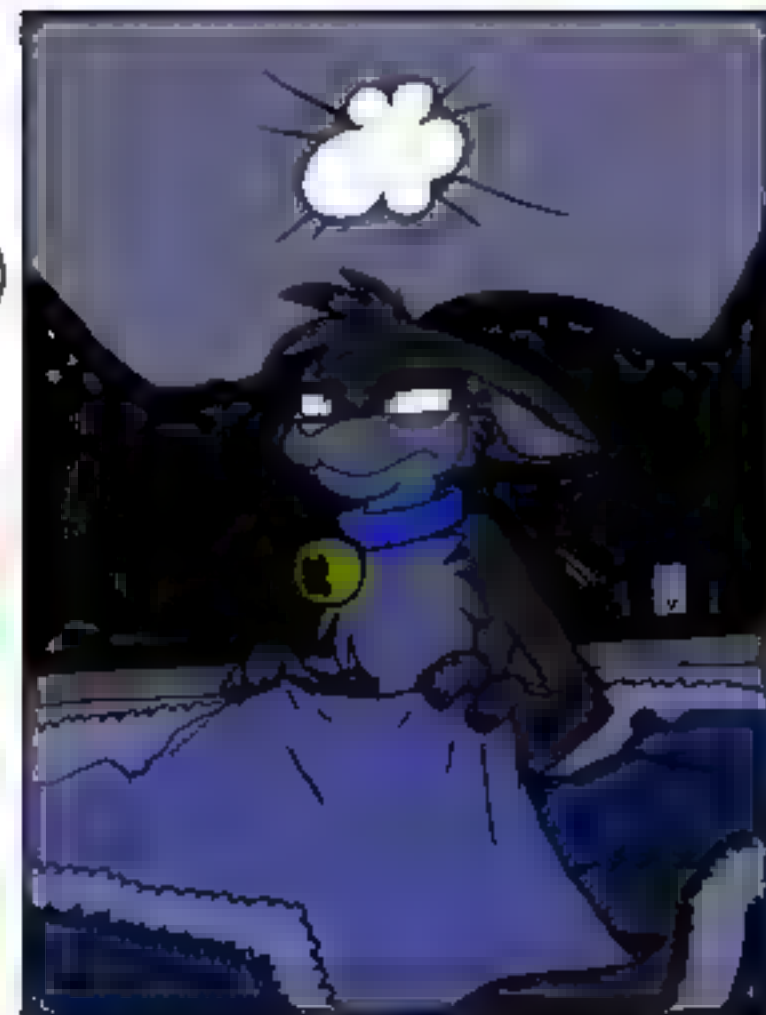
BUT BECAUSE YOU'RE **NOT**
GOOD ENOUGH FOR THE
ONE YOU LOVE

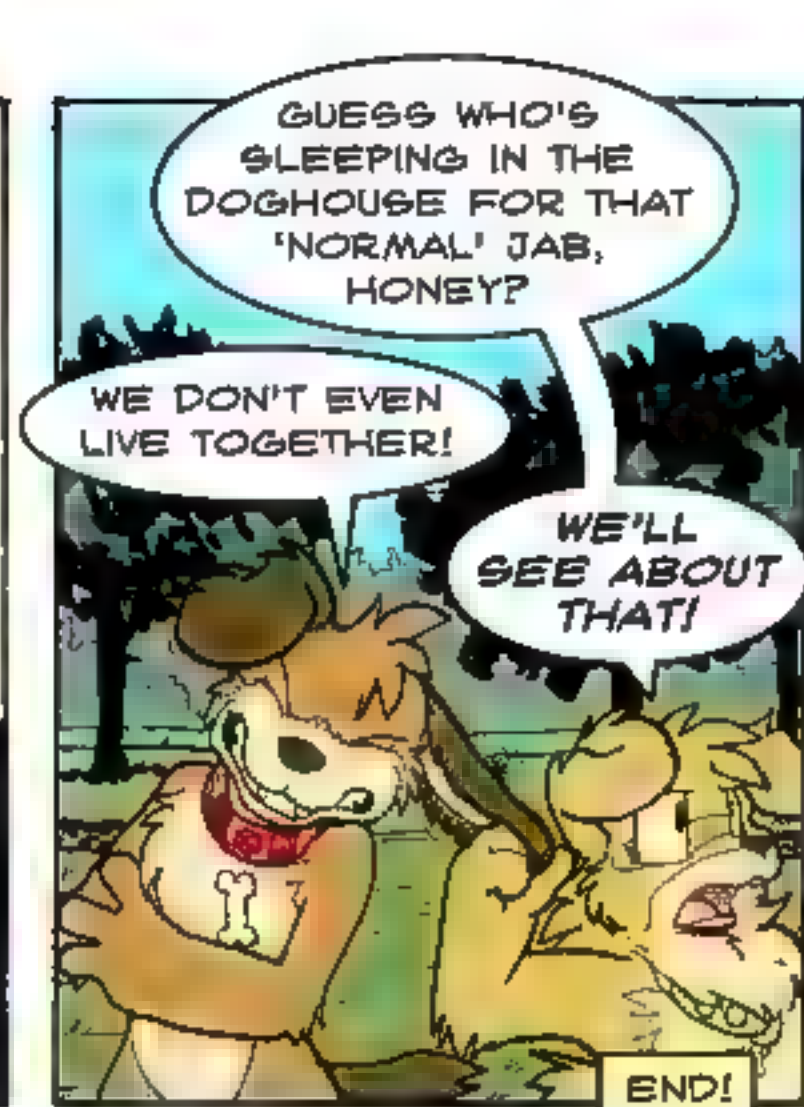


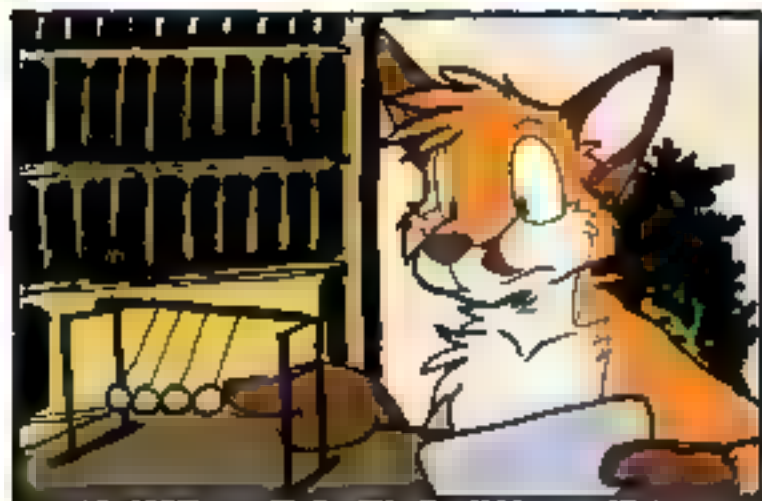
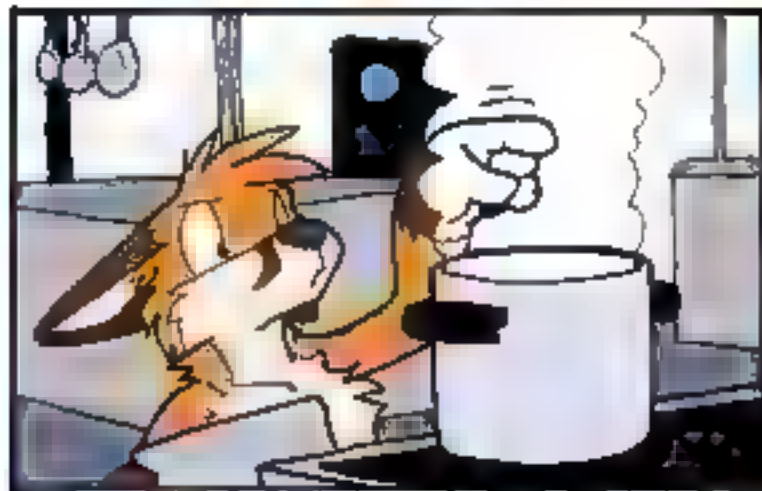
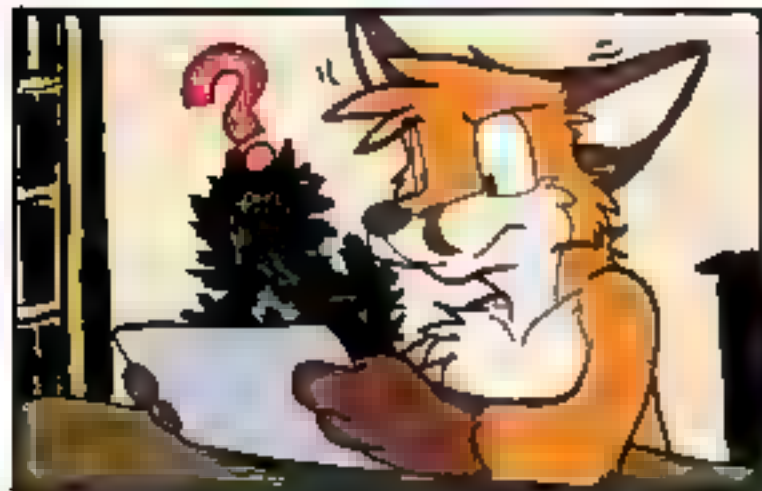
BECAUSE YOU'RE
NOT GOOD ENOUGH
FOR ANYONE



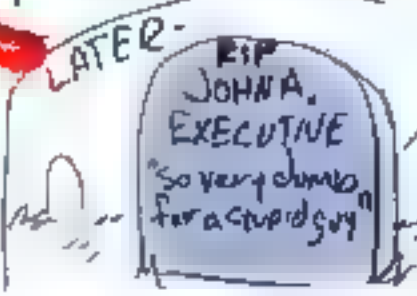
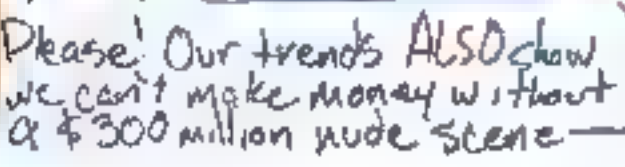
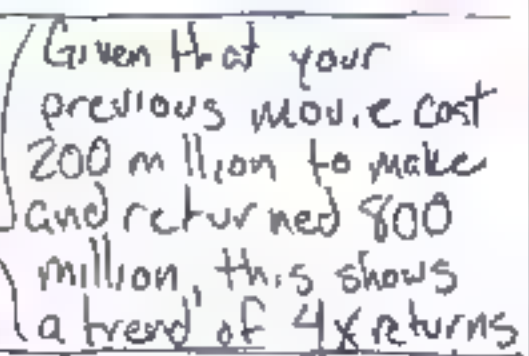
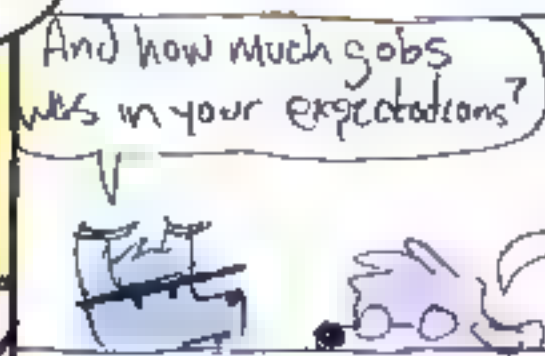
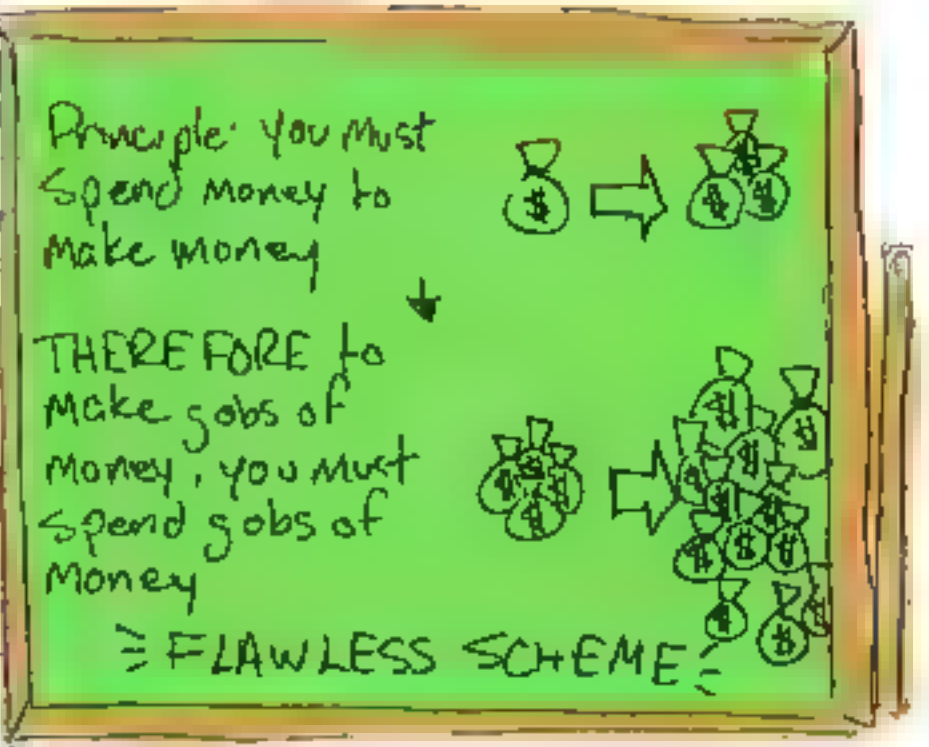
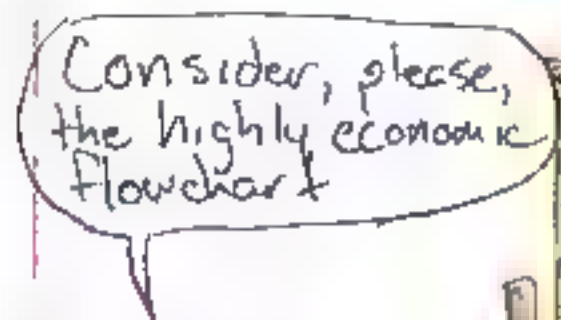
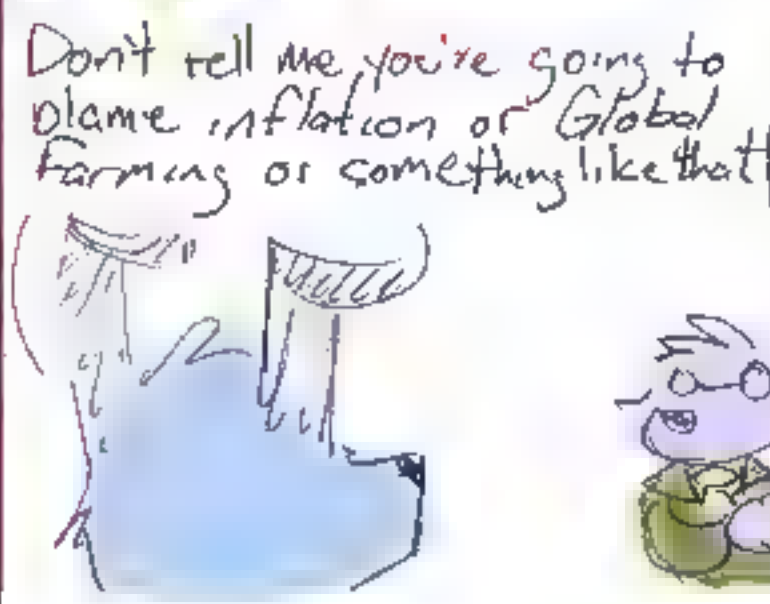
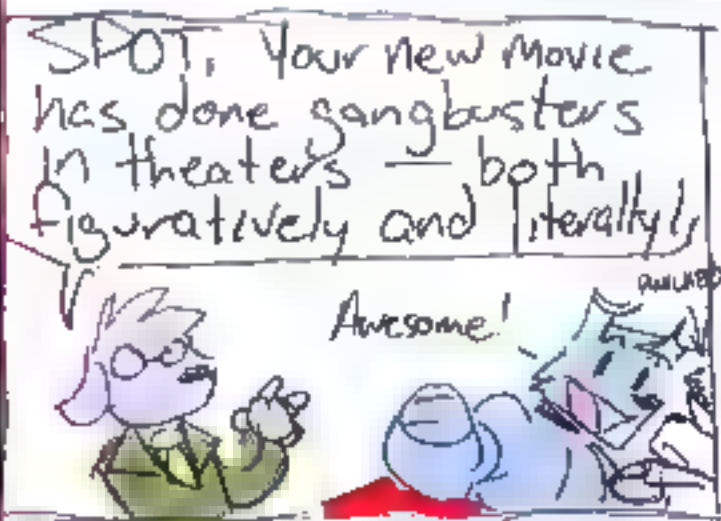
GREAT, I POUR
MY HEART OUT AND
I GET THE **OUTER**
LIMITS ENDING

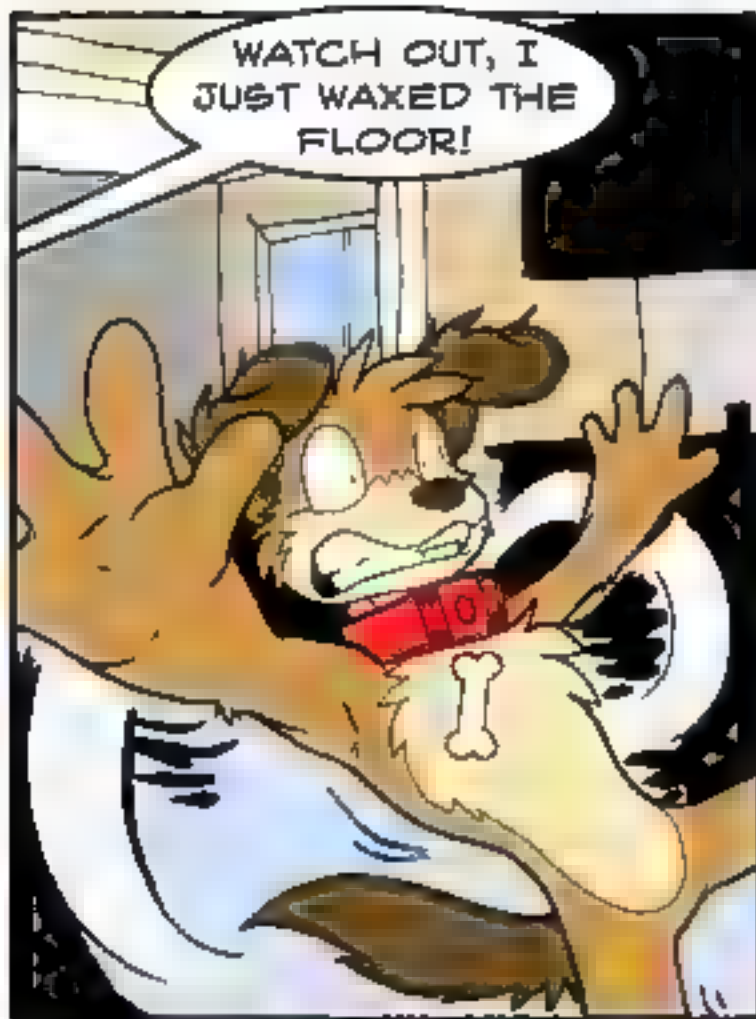




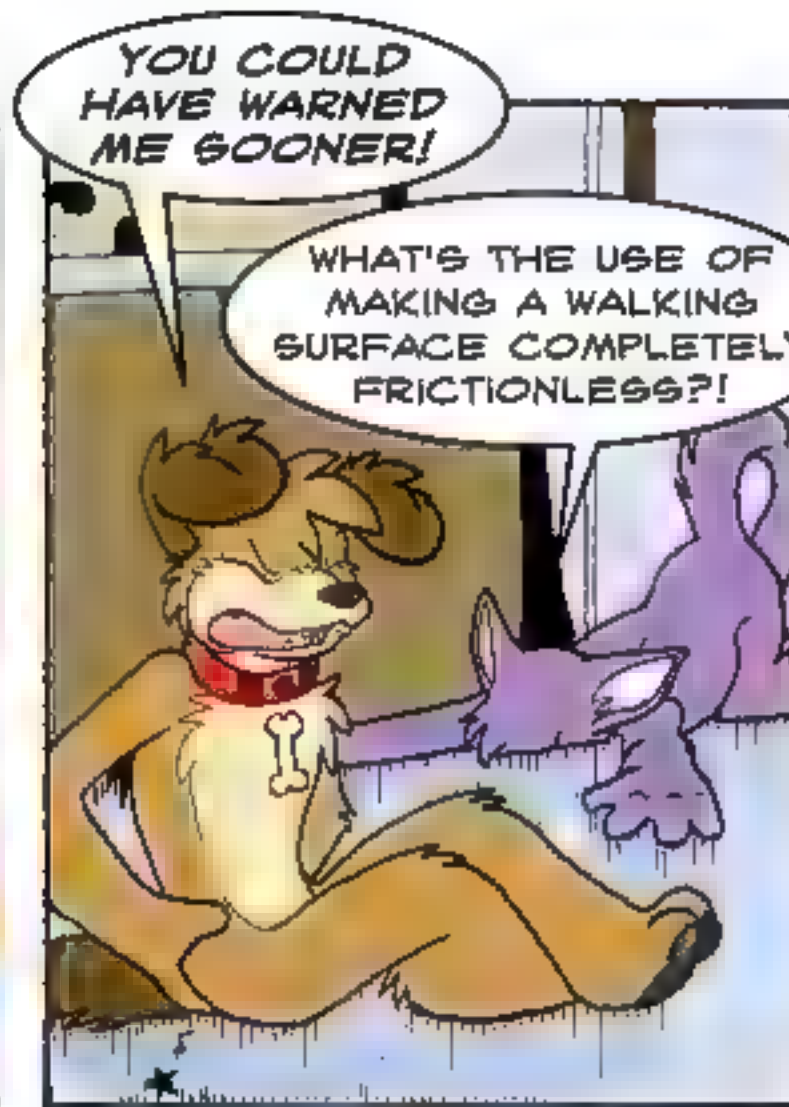


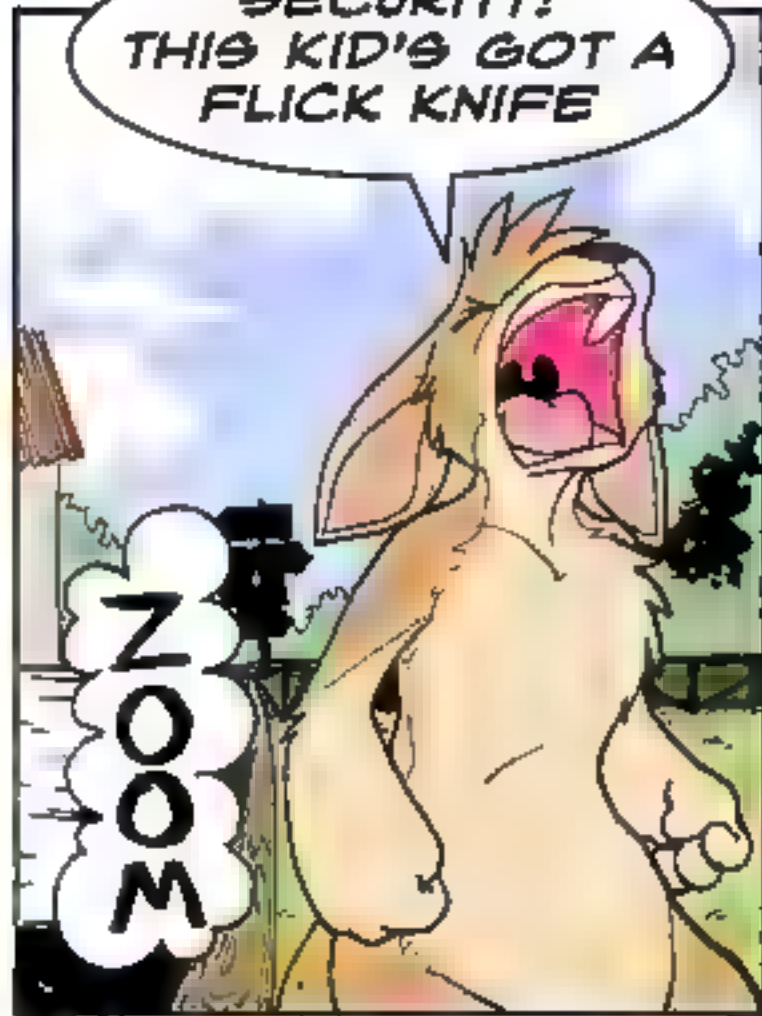
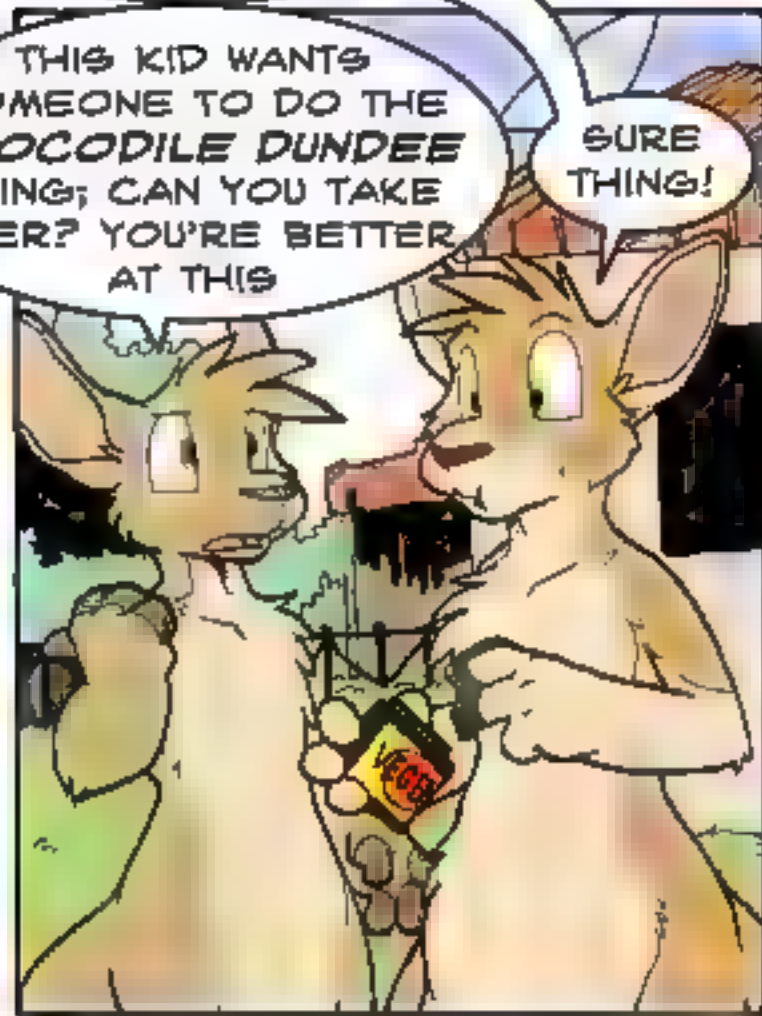
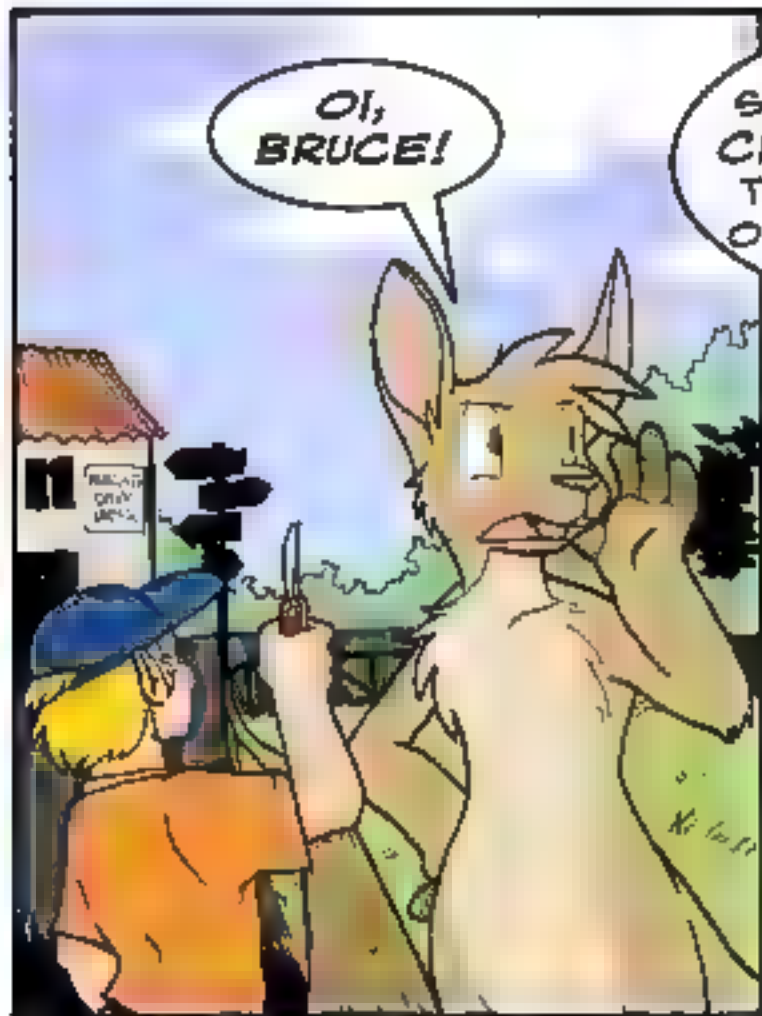
THE ADVENTURES OF SPOT (new) (superdog)





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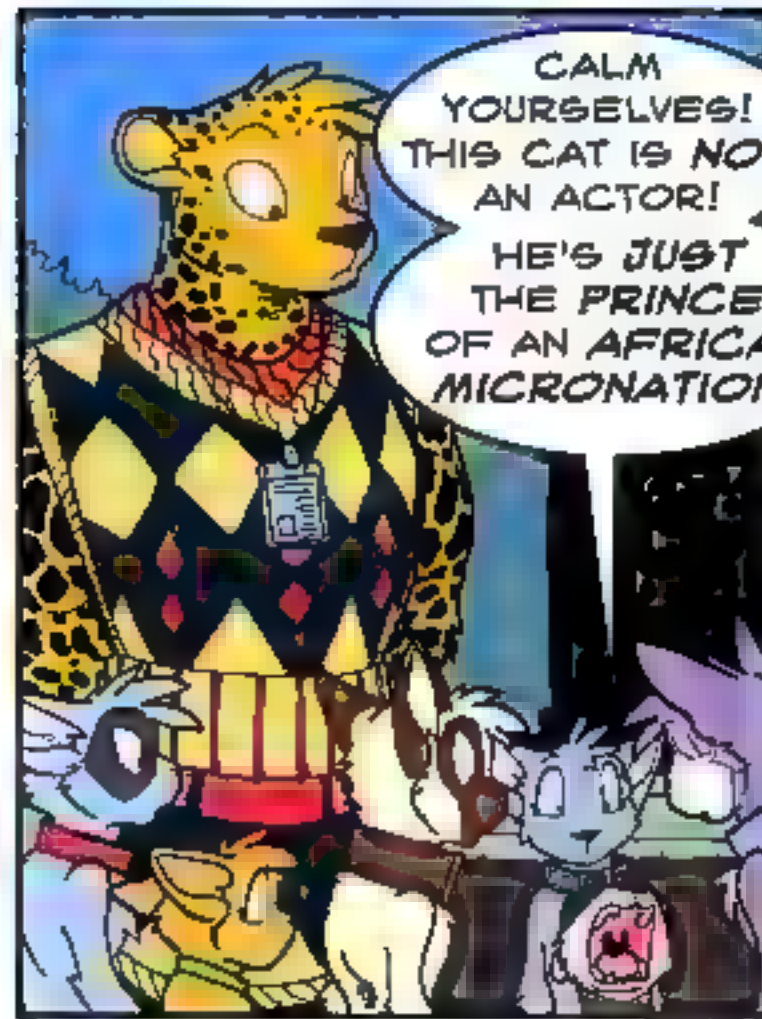


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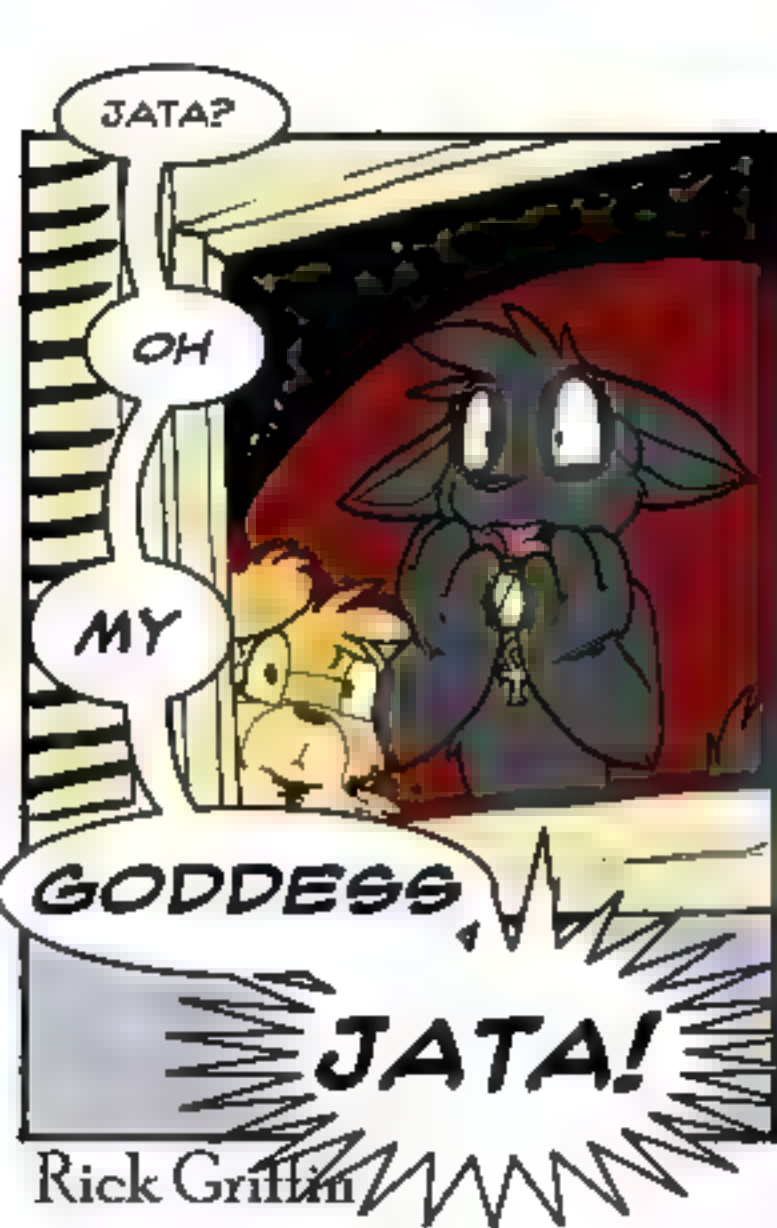


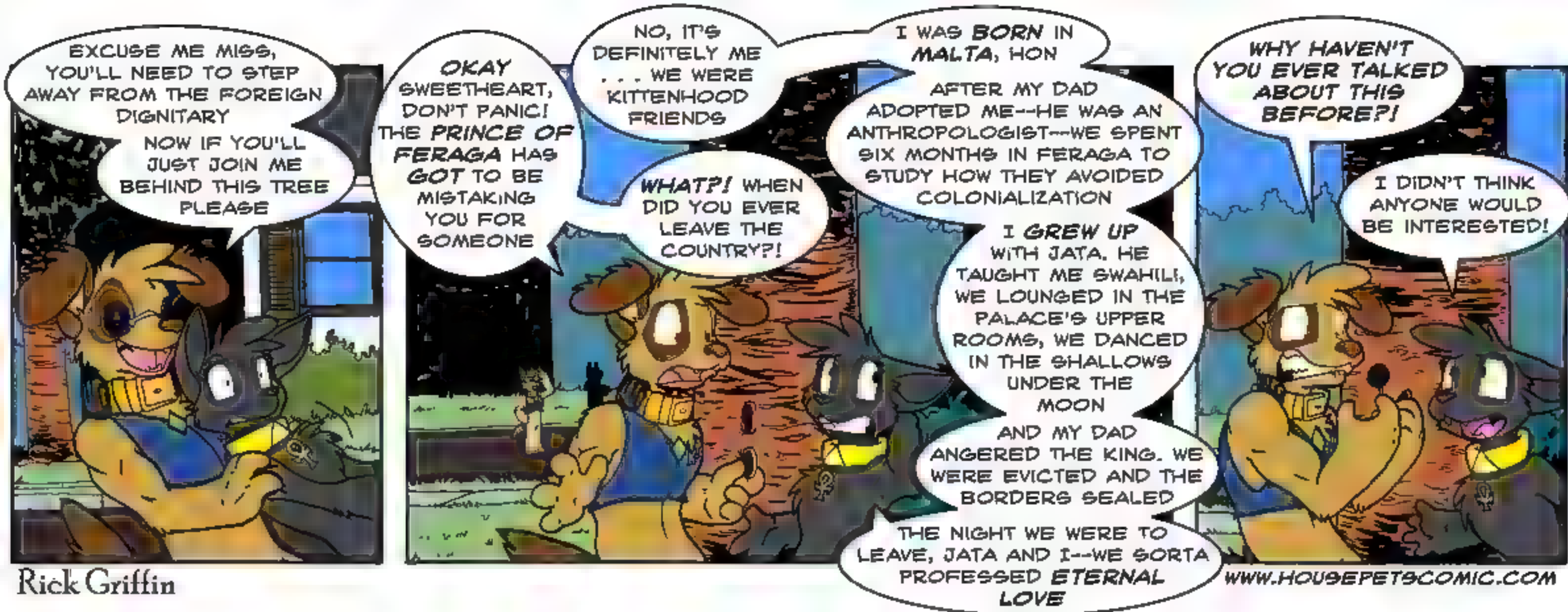


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EXCUSE ME MISS,
YOU'LL NEED TO STEP
AWAY FROM THE FOREIGN
DIGNITARY
NOW IF YOU'LL
JUST JOIN ME
BEHIND THIS TREE
PLEASE

OKAY
SWEETHEART,
DON'T PANIC!
THE PRINCE OF
FERAGA HAS
GOT TO BE
MISTAKING
YOU FOR
SOMEONE

NO, IT'S
DEFINITELY ME
... WE WERE
KITTENHOOD
FRIENDS

WHAT?! WHEN
DID YOU EVER
LEAVE THE
COUNTRY?!

I WAS BORN IN
MALTA, HON
AFTER MY DAD
ADOPTED ME--HE WAS AN
ANTHROPOLOGIST--WE SPENT
SIX MONTHS IN FERAGA TO
STUDY HOW THEY AVOIDED
COLONIALIZATION

I GREW UP
WITH JATA. HE
TAUGHT ME SWAHILI,
WE LOUNGED IN THE
PALACE'S UPPER
ROOMS, WE DANCED
IN THE SHALLOWS
UNDER THE
MOON

AND MY DAD
ANGERED THE KING. WE
WERE EVICTED AND THE
BORDERS SEALED

THE NIGHT WE WERE TO
LEAVE, JATA AND I--WE SORTA
PROFESSED ETERNAL
LOVE

WHY HAVEN'T
YOU EVER TALKED
ABOUT THIS
BEFORE?!

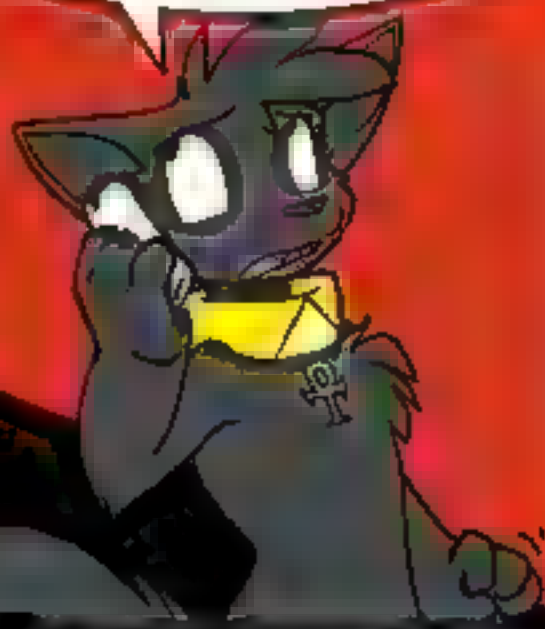
I DIDN'T THINK
ANYONE WOULD
BE INTERESTED!

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THE REASON I CALLED . . . I HAVE A REALLY, REALLY, REALLY REALLY REALLY REALLY REALLY REALLY BIG FAVOR TO ASK

. . . CAN YOU BE MY PRETEND **BFF** FOR LIKE, A WEEK?



WELL **LOOKIE** WHO COMES MEWLING BACK! IT SEEMS THE MITTEN IS ON THE OTHER KITTEN NOW!

I'LL TELL YOU WHAT, I'M FEELING GENEROUS, SO THIS WILL BE **RELATIVELY** CHEAP



OH, SIX POUNDS OF CATNIP IS GOOD TO START, AND YOU'LL HAVE TO TELL **EVERYONE** HOW ADORABLE I AM--IF WE ARE, AS YOU SAY, GOING TO MEET **ROYALTY**, I'LL NEED A NEW--



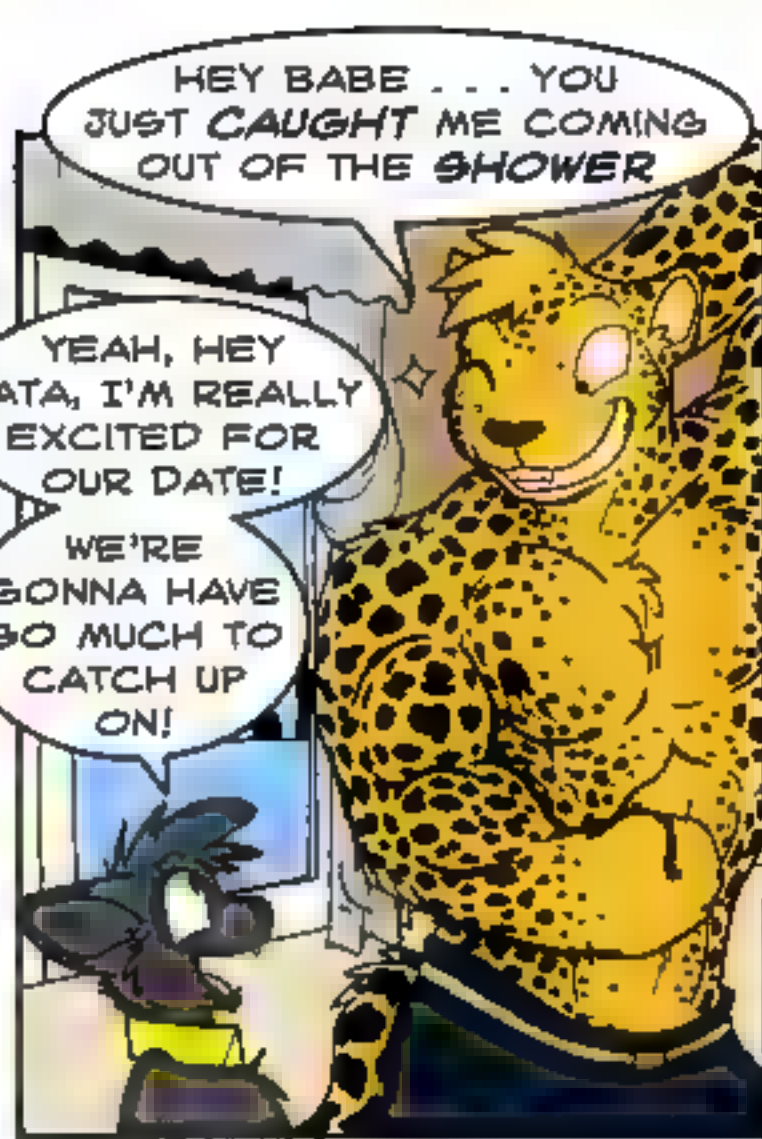
WHATEVER YOU TWO ARE PLANNING I'LL DO IT FOR **FREE!**

GYHK!

SEE YOL AT SIX, HONY







GRAPE,
THAT'S NOT
REALLY AN
OPTION--

BUT DOES
MAX KNOW
THAT?

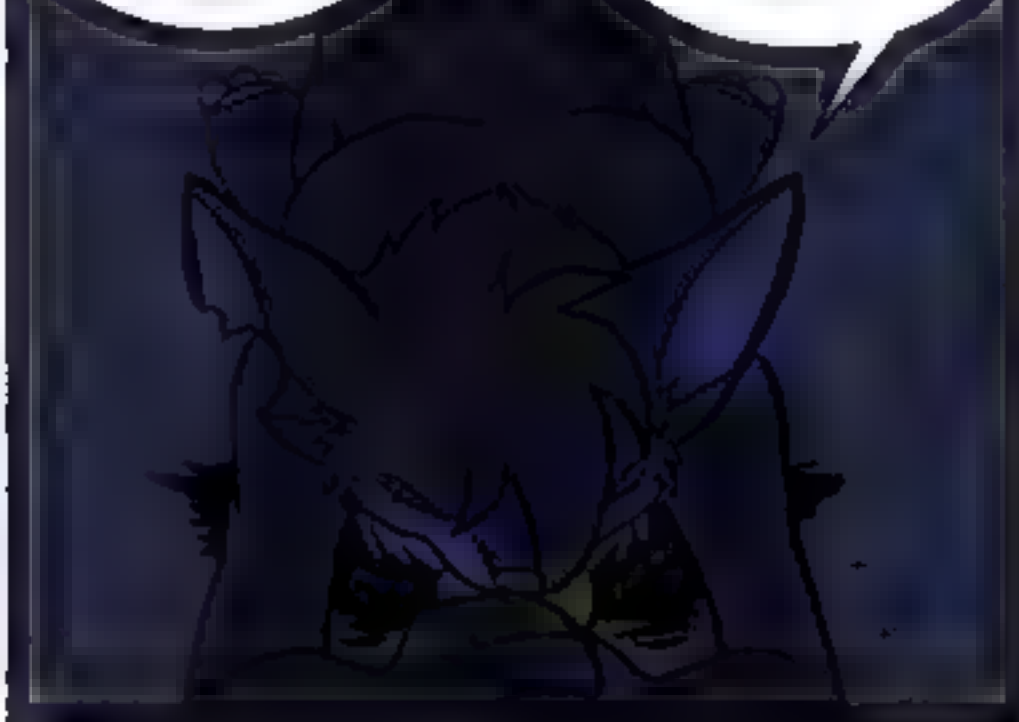
I'M JUST MESSING
AROUND! I KNOW I AIN'T
GOT A SERIOUS SHOT AT A
REAL-LIFE PRIDELANDS
PRINCE!

MAXIE'S FINE!
WHAT'S HE GOT TO
WORRY ABOUT?



I'M NOT A
PRAYING CAT,
BUT I KNOW WHEN
I REQUIRE THE
ASSISTANCE OF
A HIGHER
POWER

I CANNOT
GO ON LIVING
IN A PERPETUAL
SECOND PLACE!
SO PLEASE,
I BEG OF
YOU . . .



**CHISEL ME
INTO A
MIGHTY STONE
GOD!**



AND SO!

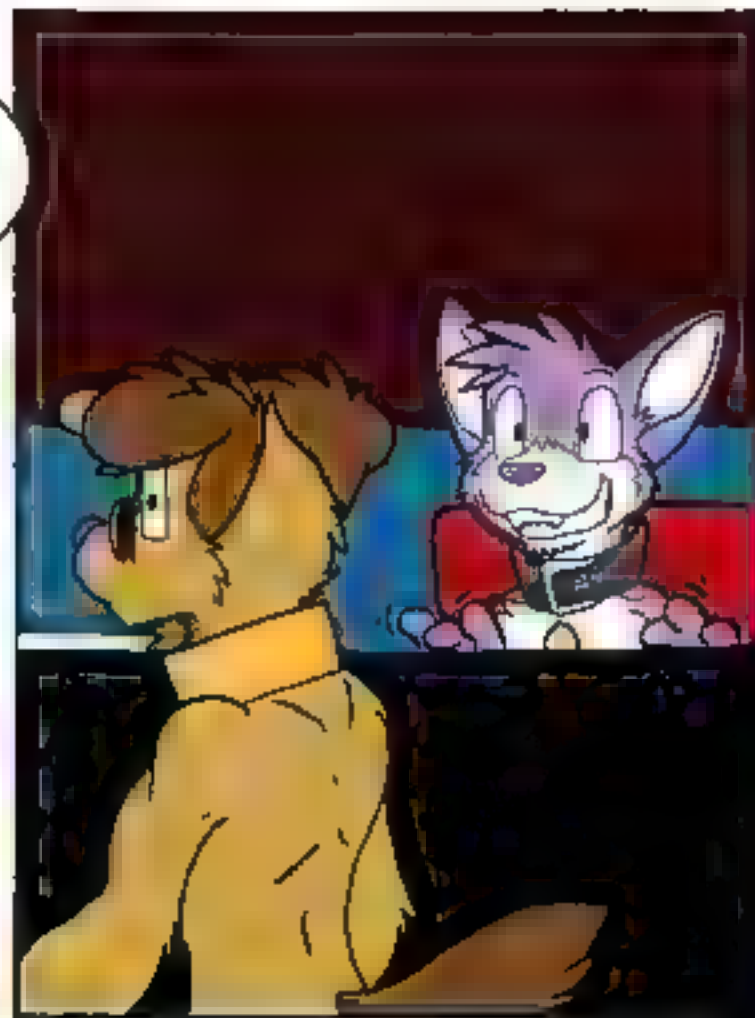
... AND
WELL, THAT'S
HOW I MET
CONCORD

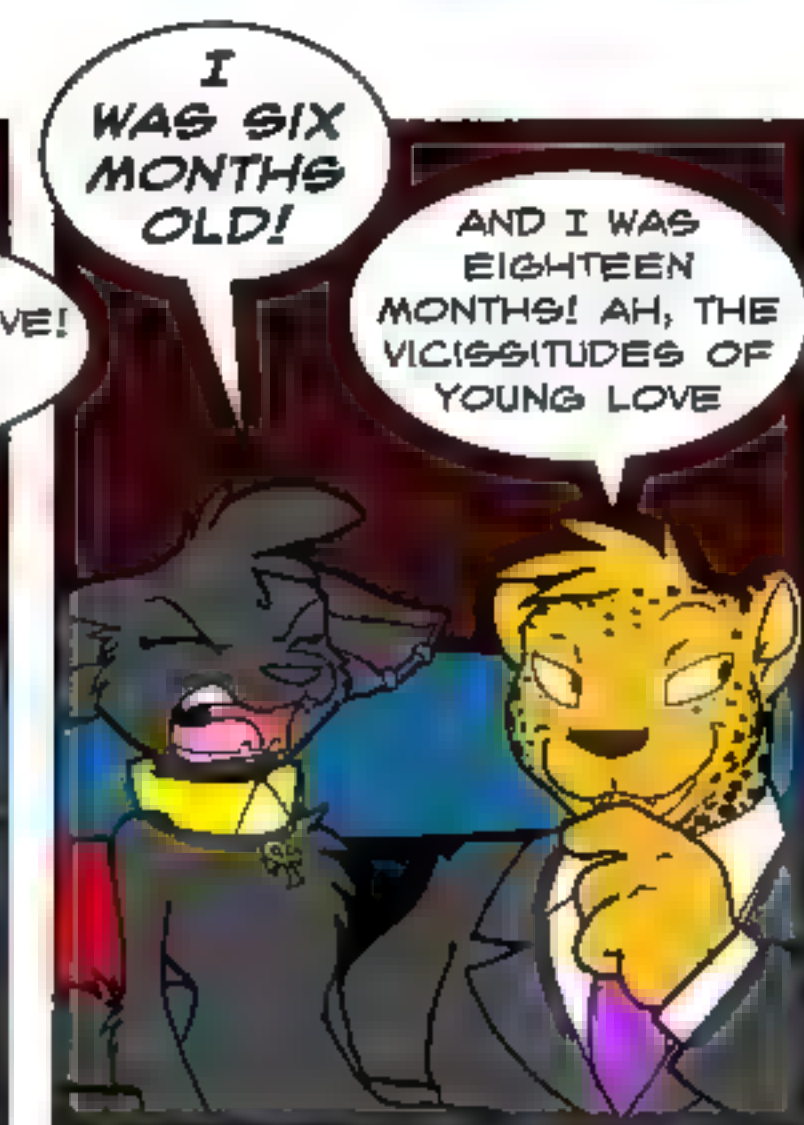
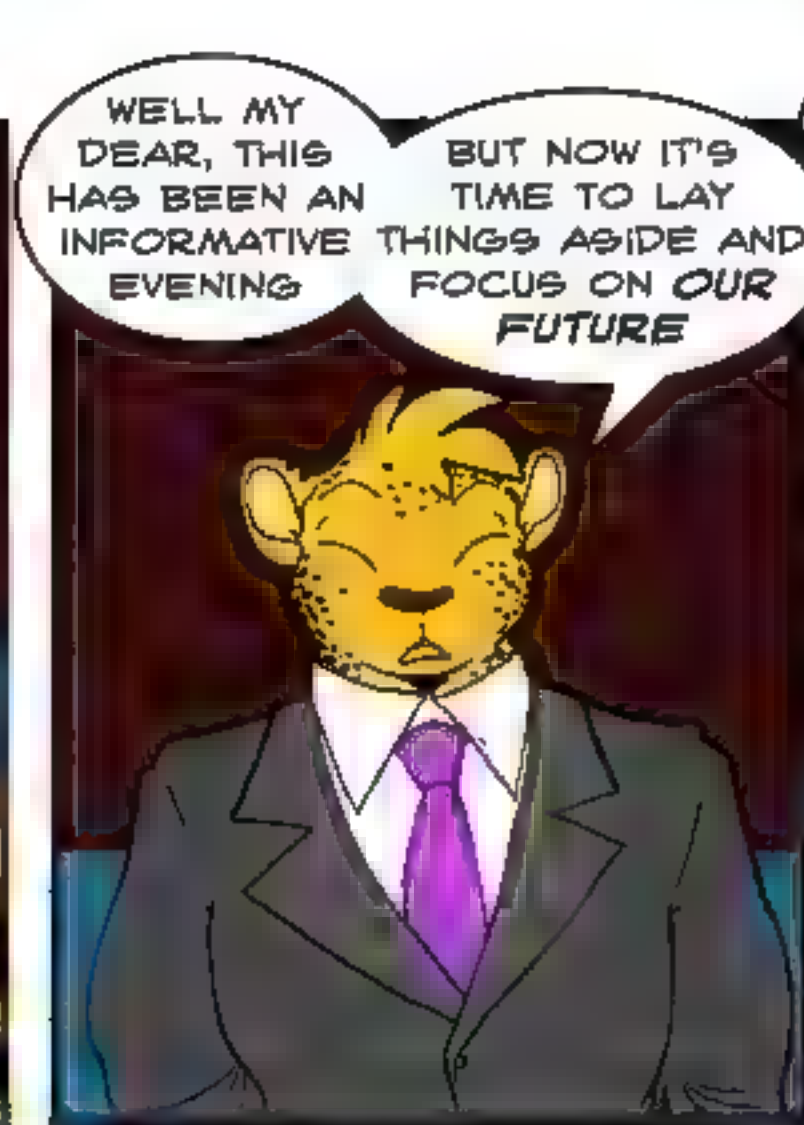
EACH STORY YOU
TELL IS BETTER THAN
THE LAST! CONCORD
HAS BEEN LUCKY TO
HAVE YOU



HE DOESN'T
SEEM TO OPEN HIS
MOUTH TOO MUCH,
DOES HE?

IT'S BETTER THAN
DISCOVERING HOW
MANY FEET CAN FIT IN
THERE







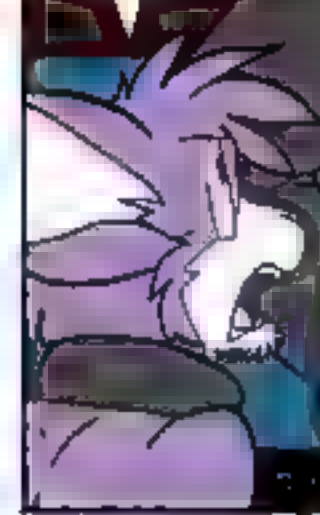
THAT CAN'T BE
AN ENFORCABLE
CONTRACT!

IT WOULDN'T
FOR A US CITIZEN,
WHICH YOU ARE
NOT

OH,
RIGHT
PET



AND REALLY, WOULDN'T IT
BE BETTER TO LIVE IN A LAND
WHERE YOU *HAD* POLITICAL
RESPECT?



HEY!
WHAT IF SHE
DOESN'T WANT
TO GO BACK
TO AFRICA?

I SUPPOSE
WE COULD
SETTLE THIS IN
TRUE FERAGA
TRADITION! THE
SUITORS WILL
FACE ONE
ANOTHER
IN---

--TRIAL BY
COMBAT!



HA HA HA! HE
PASSED OUT FROM
SHEER FRIGHT!

YEAH,
WE'LL GO
WITH THAT

YOU DON'T HAVE TO
WORRY, I DON'T EXPECT
YOU TO STAY IN AFRICA
THE REST OF YOUR
LIFE—

PHEW

—THE
MARRIAGE IS
THE IMPORTANT
PART, AFTER
ALL

MARRIAGE?!
JATA SERIOUSLY,
WHY ARE YOU
DOING THIS!?

IT IS FOR BOTH
OF OUR MUTUAL
BENEFITS—FOR MY
COUNTRY AND YOUR
OWN!

THE GOOD OF
THE COUNTRY?!
WHO TOLD YOU
THAT?

HEY JEEVES,
WHILE YOU'RE OUT
CAN YOU GRAB SOME
ALOE LOTION?

FOR SOME
REASON MY EARS
ARE BURNING

OH DON'T BE SO
DRAMATIC MY LOVE;
MARRIAGE IS JUST
SILLY WORDS

SEE YOU IN
THE LIMO
SWEETHEART~



YOU
COULDN'T
HAVE BEEN
FIVE MINUTES
EARLIER?

I TRIED!





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HELLO, YOU'VE
REACHED THE NUMBER
OF PROFESSOR STANLEY
D'ANGELO. SORRY I'M NOT
AVAILABLE RIGHT NOW—THE
DESOLATE PLACES OF THE
EARTH TEND NOT TO
HAVE GOOD CELL
COVERAGE



IF THIS IS THE
UNIVERSITY CALLING ABOUT
MY GRANT APPLICATION, AND THE
GRANT HAS **NOT** GONE THROUGH,
PLEASE HANG UP. MY SCHEDULE
IS ALREADY BOOKED. EASIER
TO BEG FORGIVENESS
AND ALL



IF THIS IS HENRY
JUNIOR, HOVITOS **IS NOT**
A REAL LANGUAGE, SO YOU
WERE PLAYED. FRANKLY, I FIND
IT APPALLING THAT YOU BELIEVE
ARTIFACTS SERVE A BETTER
PURPOSE IN A STERILE
MUSEUM



IF THIS CALL IS AN
ACTUAL EMERGENCY, PLEASE
CONTACT MY CAT SABRINA, AT
OUR HOME PHONE



THERE'S ONLY ONE
THING WE CAN DO—I HAVE
TO COME OUT AND TAKE
JATA'S CHALLENGE

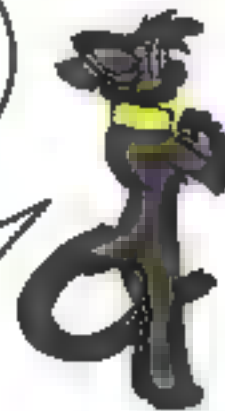
HON
...

I CAN'T
DO THAT TO
YOU

I CAN'T FORCE
YOU TO RUIN YOUR
REPUTATION FOR
MY SAKE

BUT IT'S NOT
LIKE IT'D MATTER
TO JATA IF YOU AND
I CONTINUED
TOGETHER IN
SECRET

MARRIAGE
IS JUST
WORDS ON
PAPER



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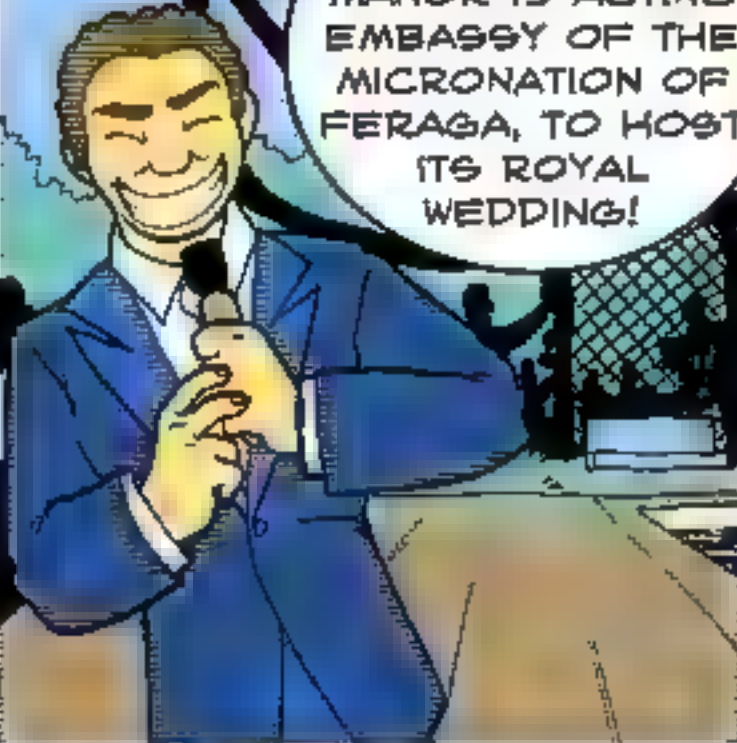
BESIDES, JATA
WOULD MAKE FERTILIZER
OUT OF YOU

I KNOW

HAVE YOU
SEEN THOSE
GUNS ON
HIM?

I SAID
I KNOW





GREETINGS! I'M YOUR
HOST, AND WE'RE BRINGING
YOU LIVE COVERAGE FROM
MILTON MANOR

FOR JUST
THIS WEEK, THE
MANOR IS ACTING
EMBASSY OF THE
MICRONATION OF
FERAGA, TO HOST
ITS ROYAL
WEDDING!

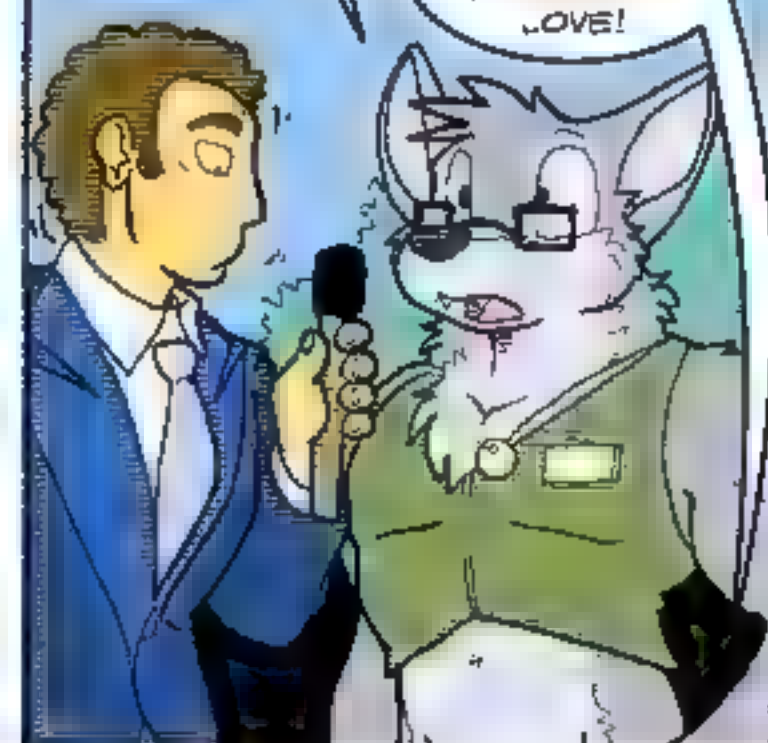


MR. THE WOLF IS HEAD
OF SECURITY--SAY! WHAT
INTEREST DOES A CANINE HAVE
IN A FELINE WEDDING?

WEDDINGS ARE
NEAT! I MIGHT EVEN
MARRY MY WIFE ONE
DAY!

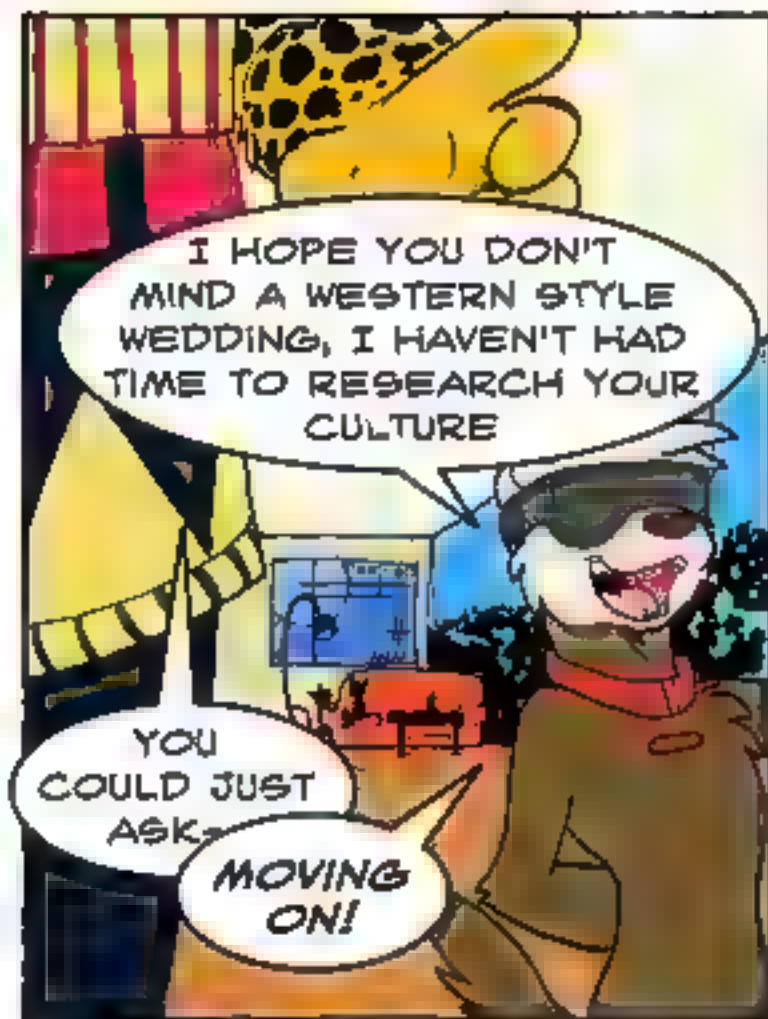


WE'VE HAD REPORTS
PETA PLANS TO PUBLICLY
PROTEST THIS PARTY! PRAY
TELL--YOU DON'T APPEAR
PARTICULARLY PERTURBED.
WHY IS THAT?



WHO DO YOU
THINK I'VE BEEN
STANDING ON THIS
WHOLE TIME?

~GAK~ I
ONLY DESTROY
BECAUSE I
LOVE!



WHAT'S
GOTCHA DOWN,
CLOWN?

CONGRATS!

YEAH,
I GOT
THAT!

MY
GIRLFRIEND
IS GETTING
MARRIED

TO
SOMEONE
ELSE

DAMES ARE FAR MORE
TROUBLE THAN THEY'RE WORTH.
SEE, THERE ARE TWO KINDS OF
PEOPLE--THOSE WHO CARE AND
THOSE WHO JUST WANT TO TEAR
YOU DOWN

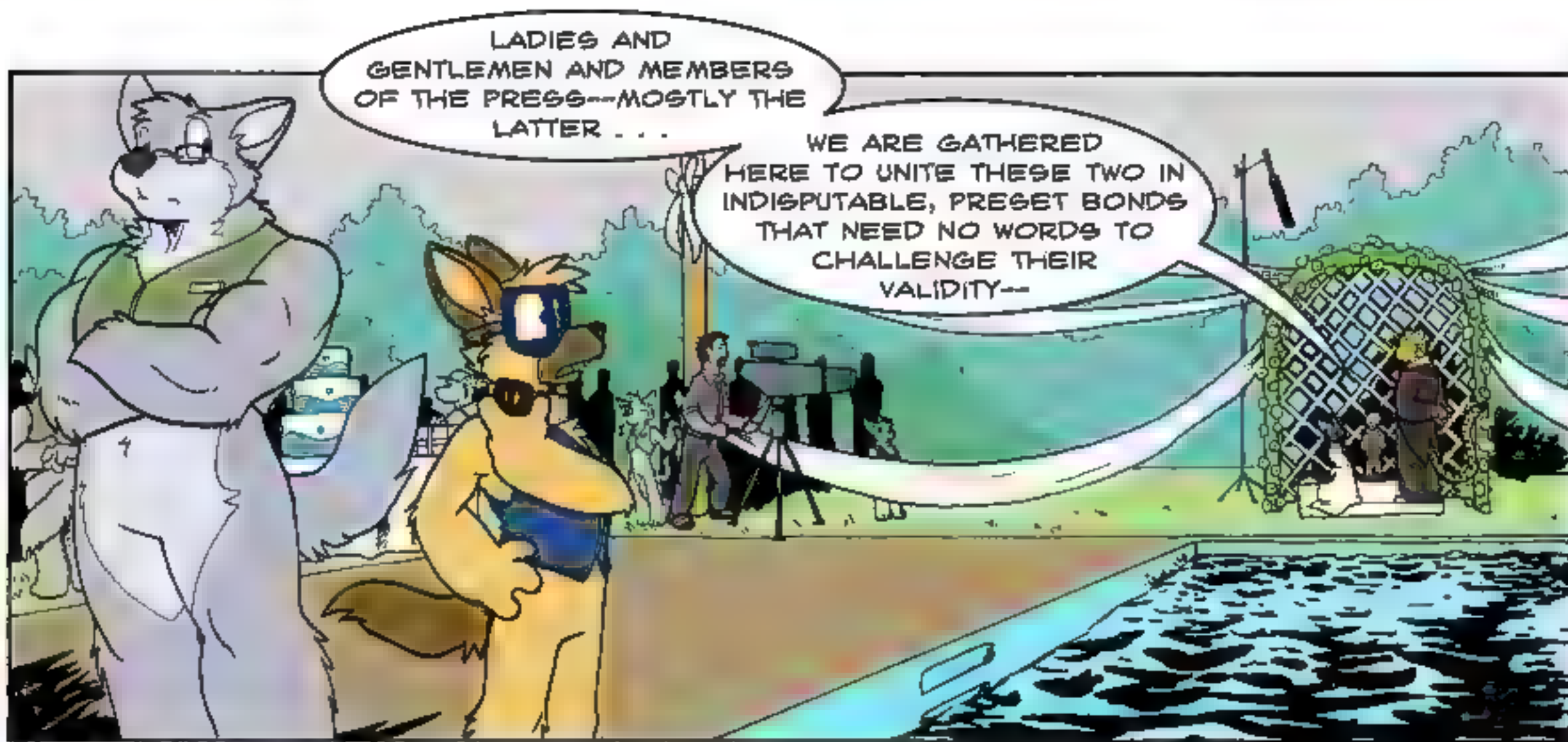
AND WHEN IT COMES TO
DAMES, WELL! YOU SHOULDN'T
LET ANYONE TELL YOU HOW
YOU FEEL!

SO I SHOULD
IGNORE ANYONE WHO
CRITICIZES ME FOR MY
FEELINGS

RIGHT,
EXACTLY!

LIKE
YOU

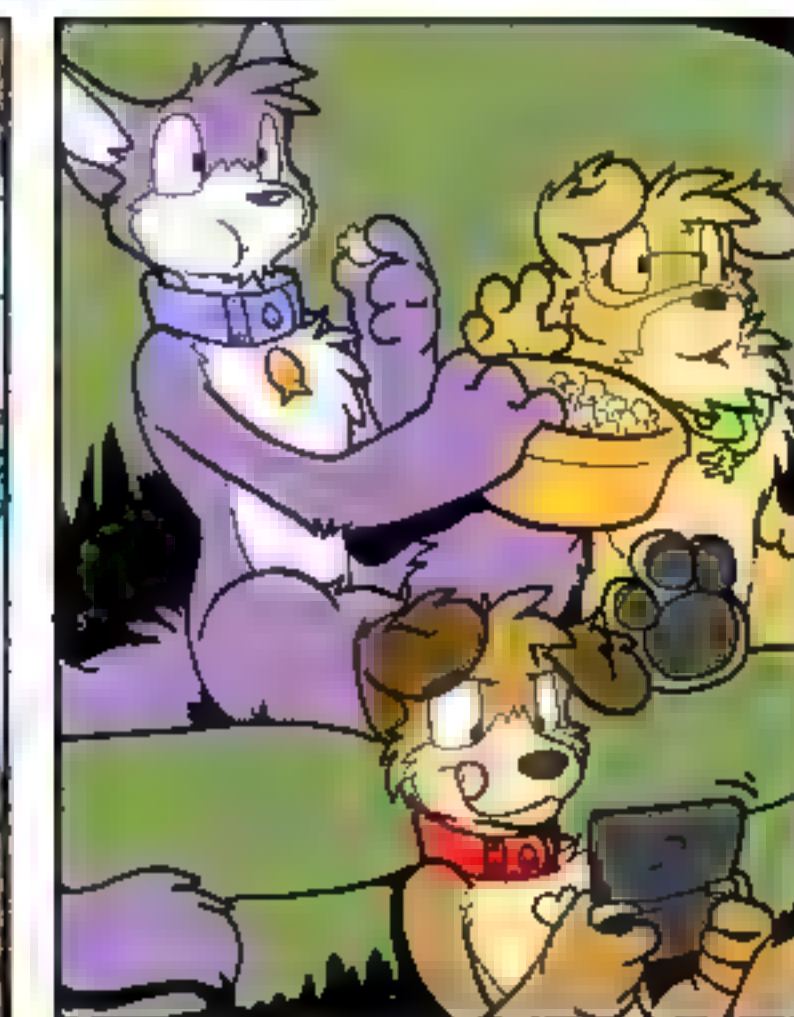
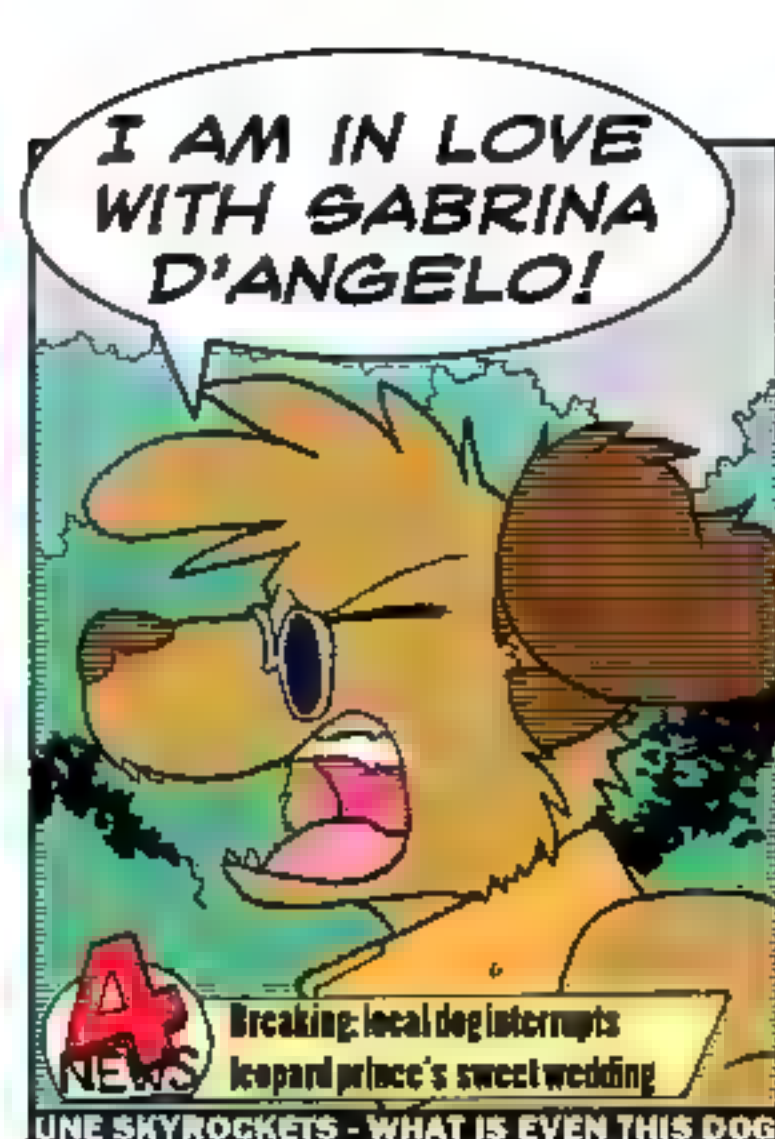
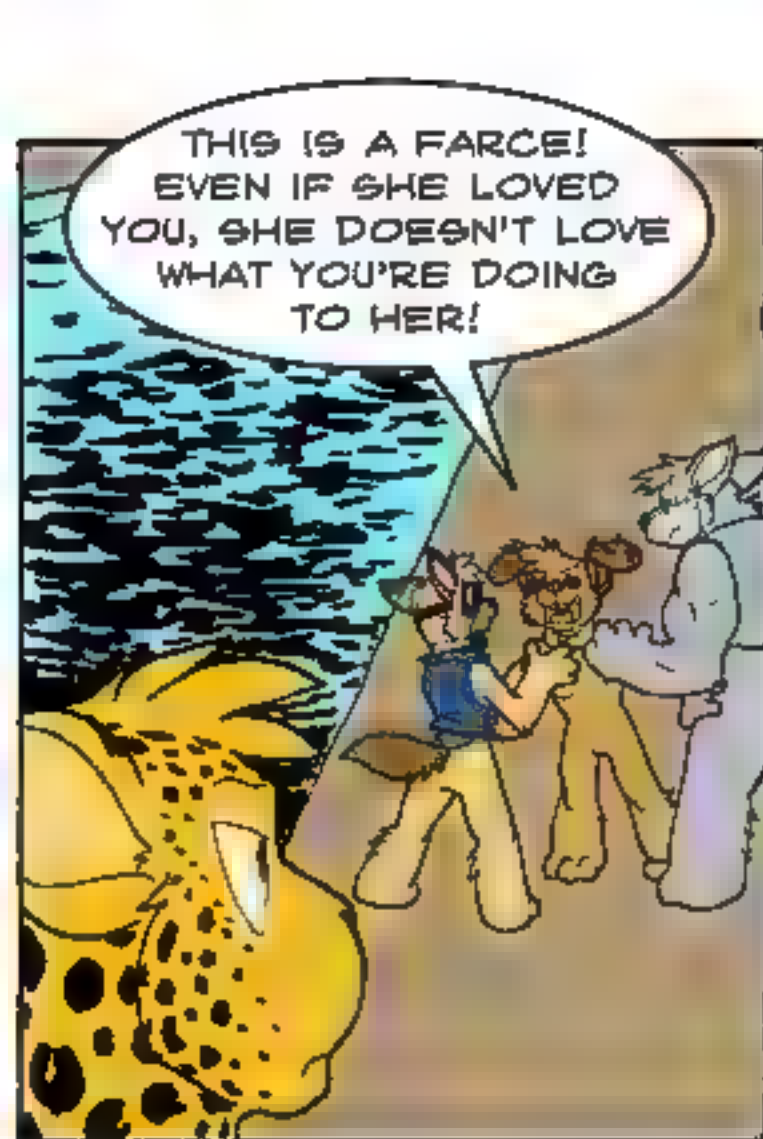
NOT
ME YOU
IDIOT!



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THIS WAS
HIS IDEA

OH NO YOU
DON'T! THIS WAS
MY IDEA!



WHAT IS THIS . . .
A JOKE? IS THIS YOUR
AMERICAN SENSE OF
HUMOR?



. . . BECAUSE I
HAVE TO SAY, IT IS
PRETTY FUNNY!

IT'S
TRUE,
JATA

FIDO IS
MY REAL
BOYFRIEND

I SEE . . .



THIS
"CONCORD"
DECEPTION
WAS TO SAVE
FACE



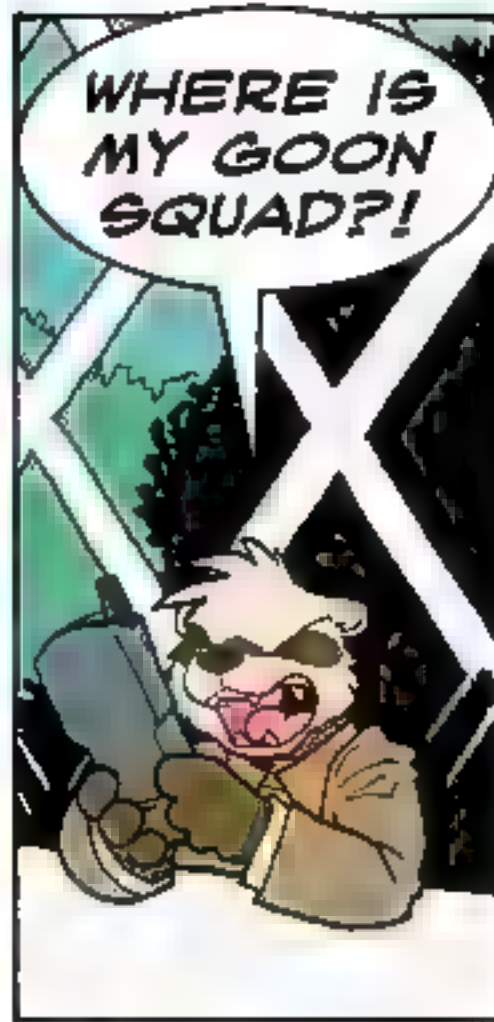
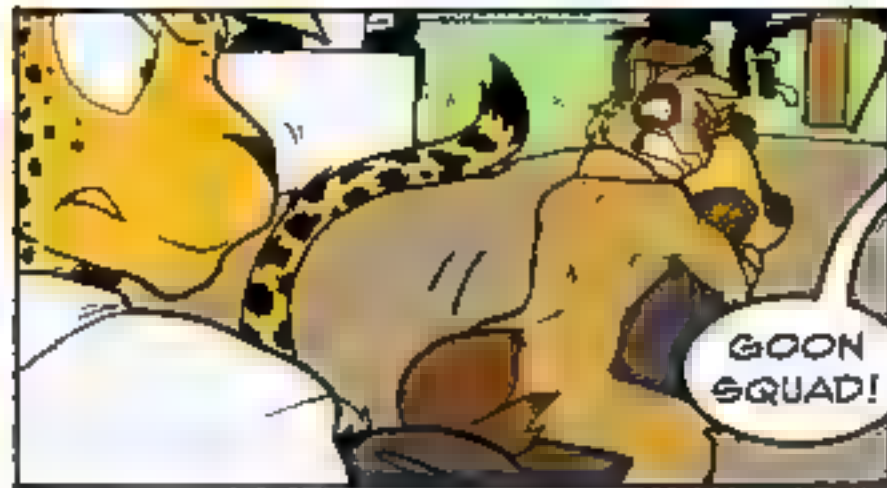
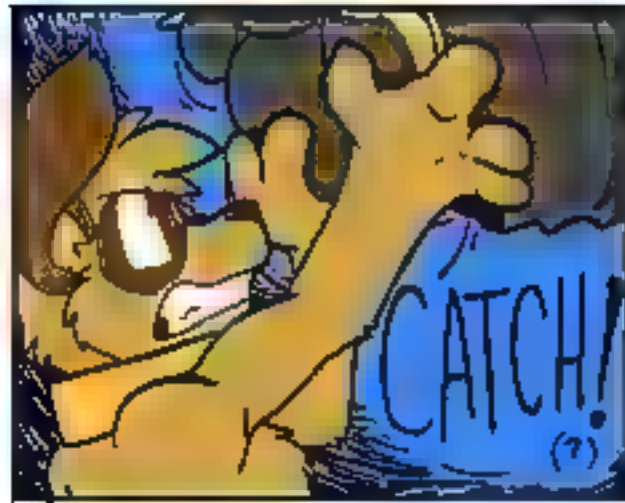
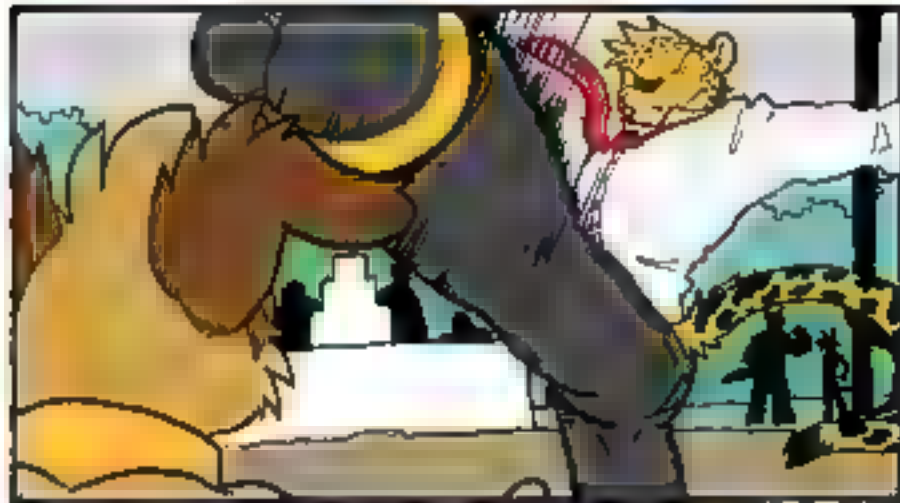
IT FALLS TO
ME, THEN, TO
SAVE YOU FROM
THIS SHAME!

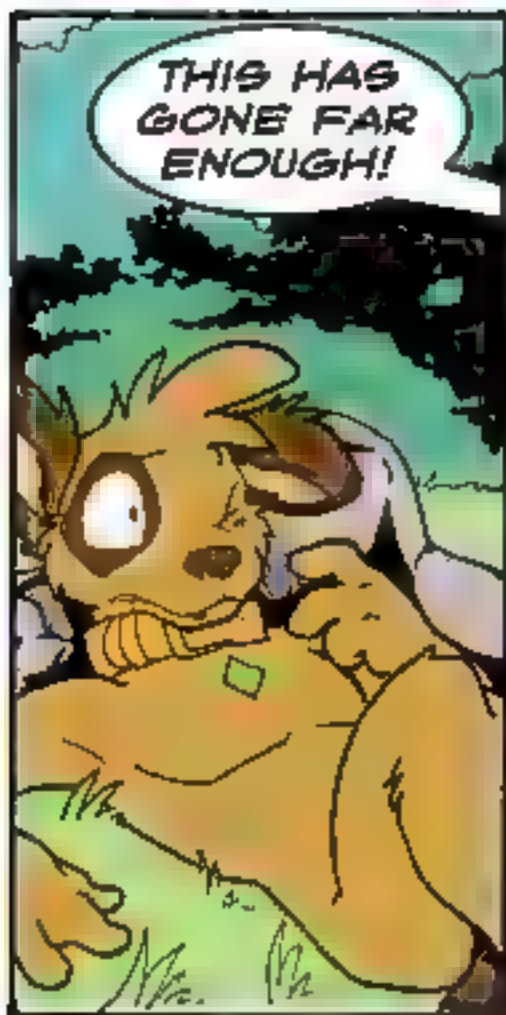
THE TRIAL
BY COMBAT
BEGINS
NOW!



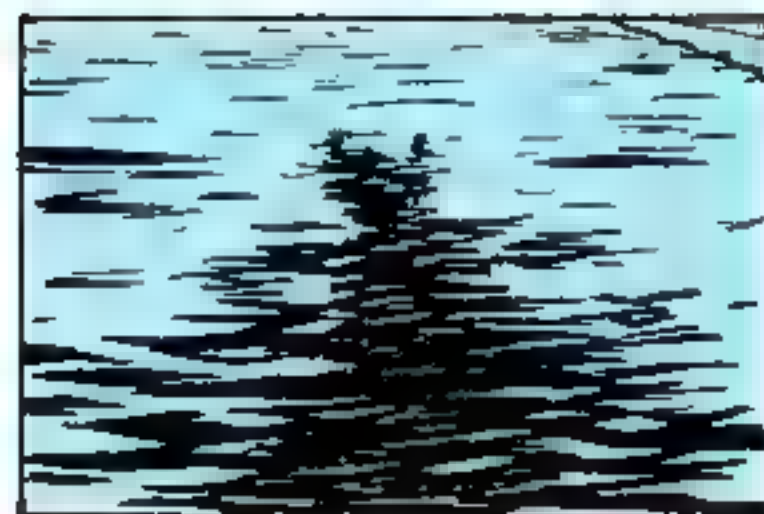
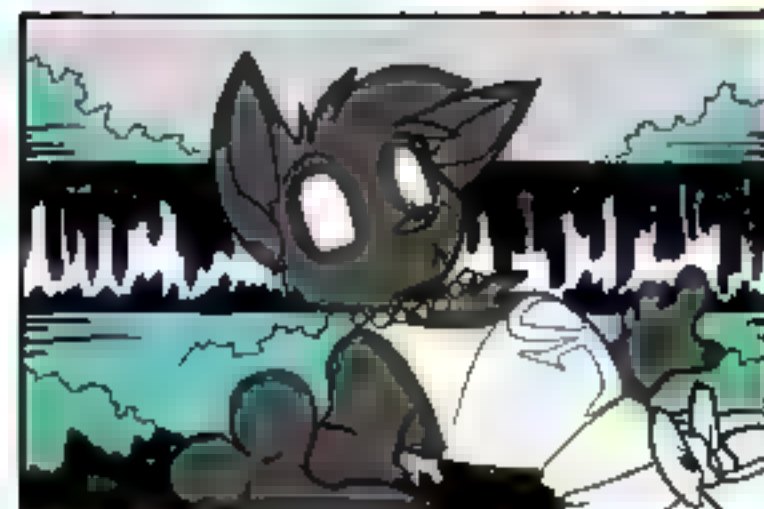
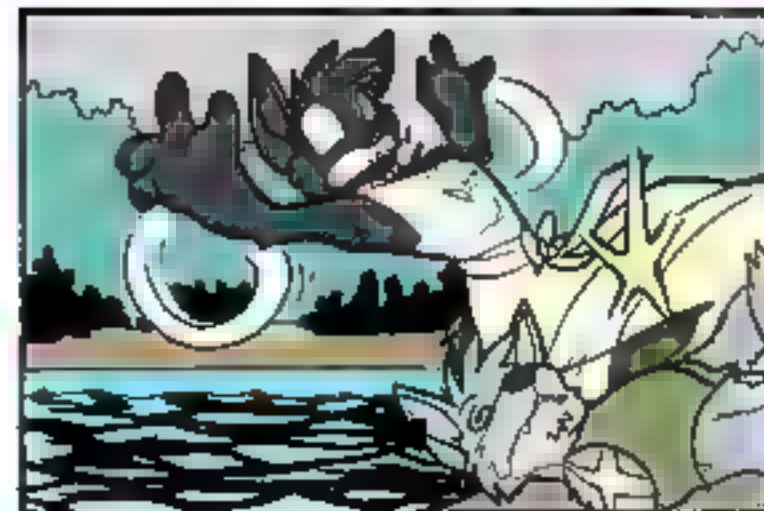
DOG! PREPARE
YOURSELF . . .
TO LOSE!

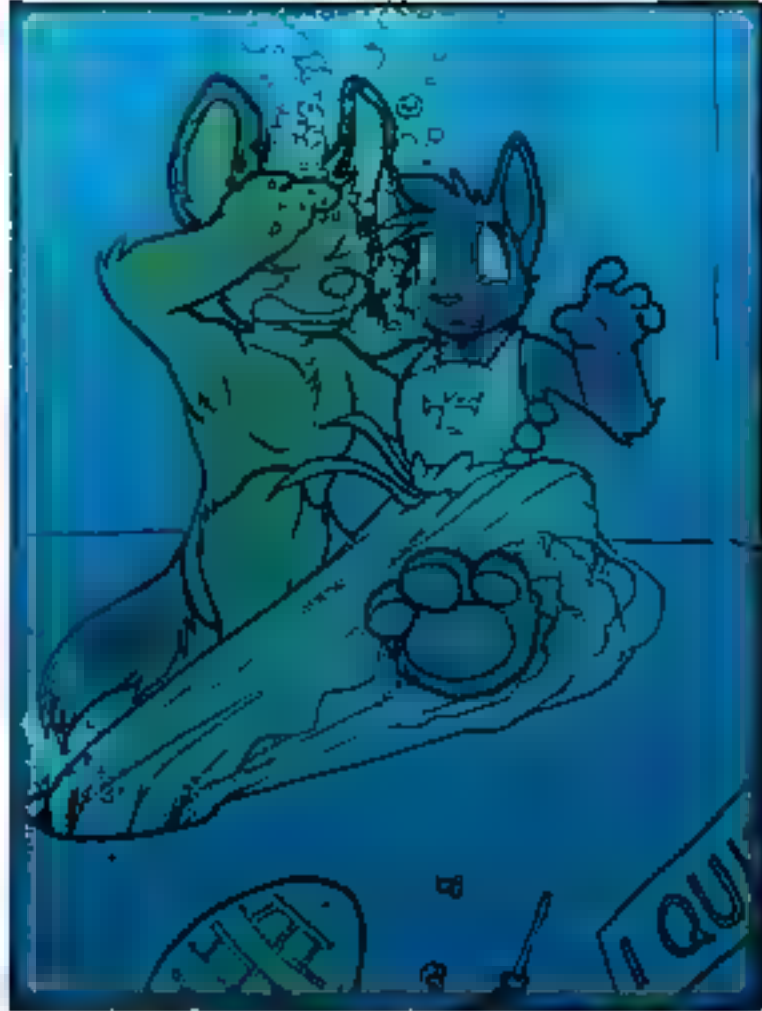
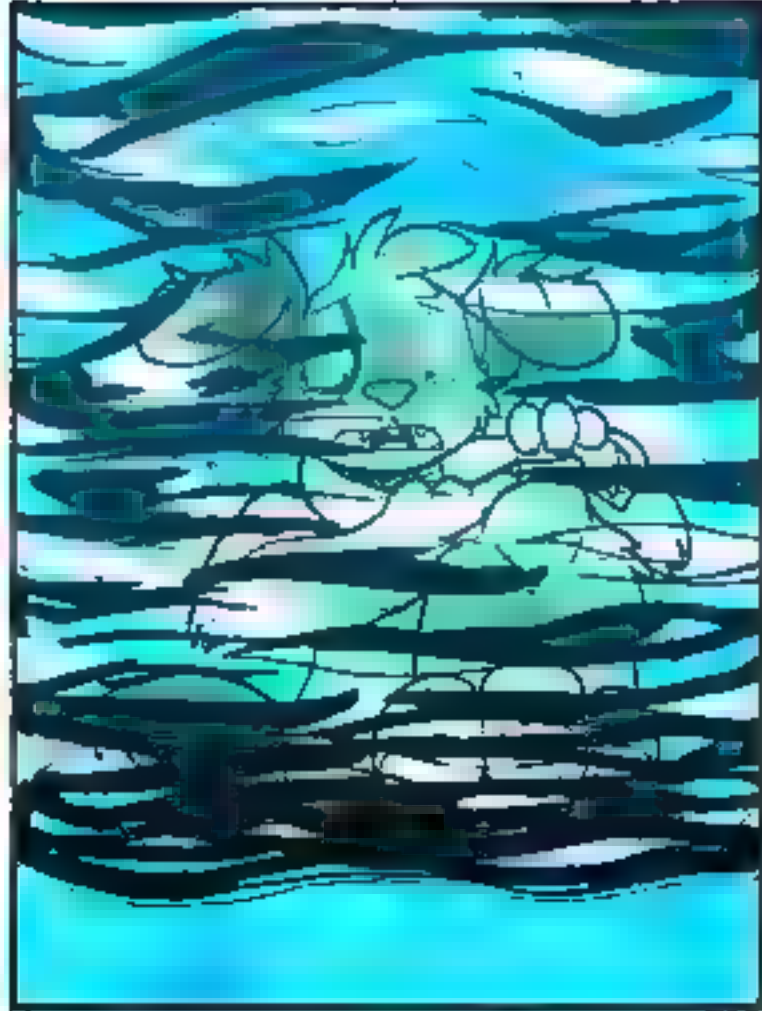
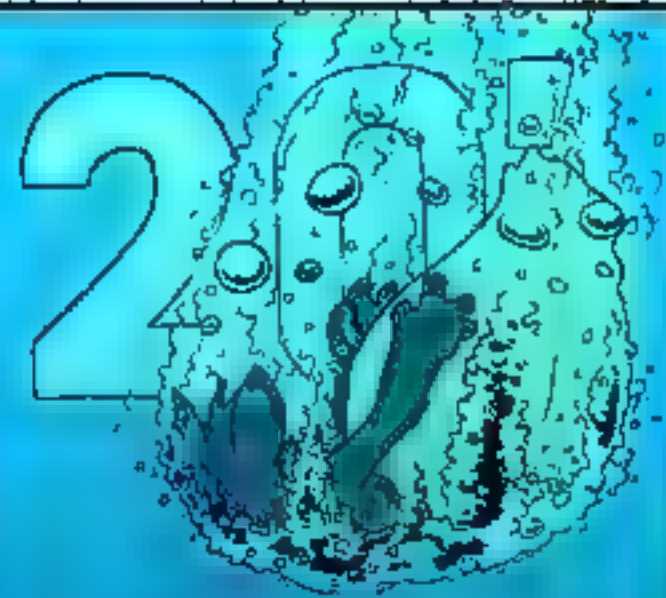
YOU SEE, I
CAN MAKE A
JOKE TOO!





JATA PLEASE!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO
DO THIS! WHAT DO
YOU HAVE TO
PROVE?!





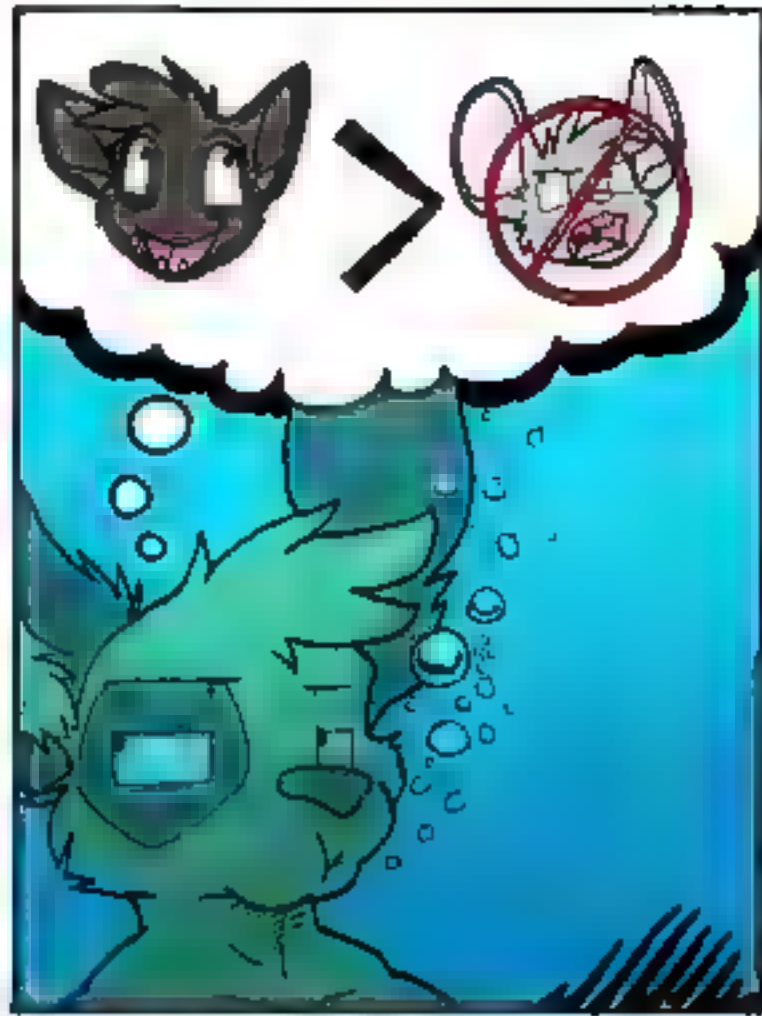
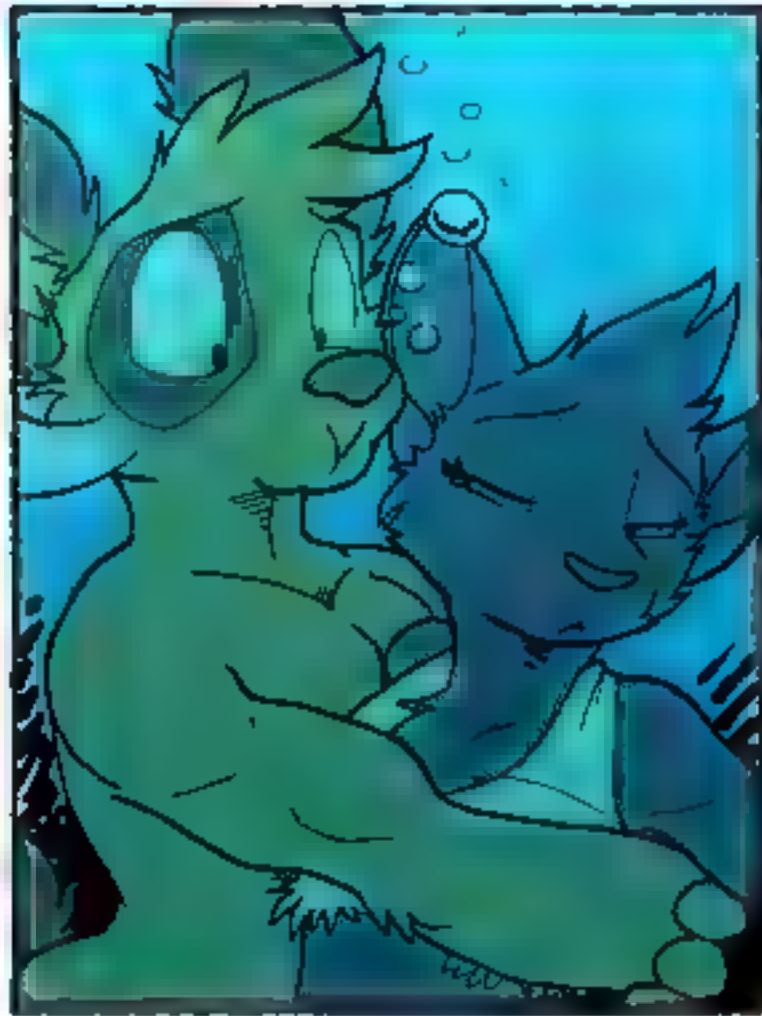
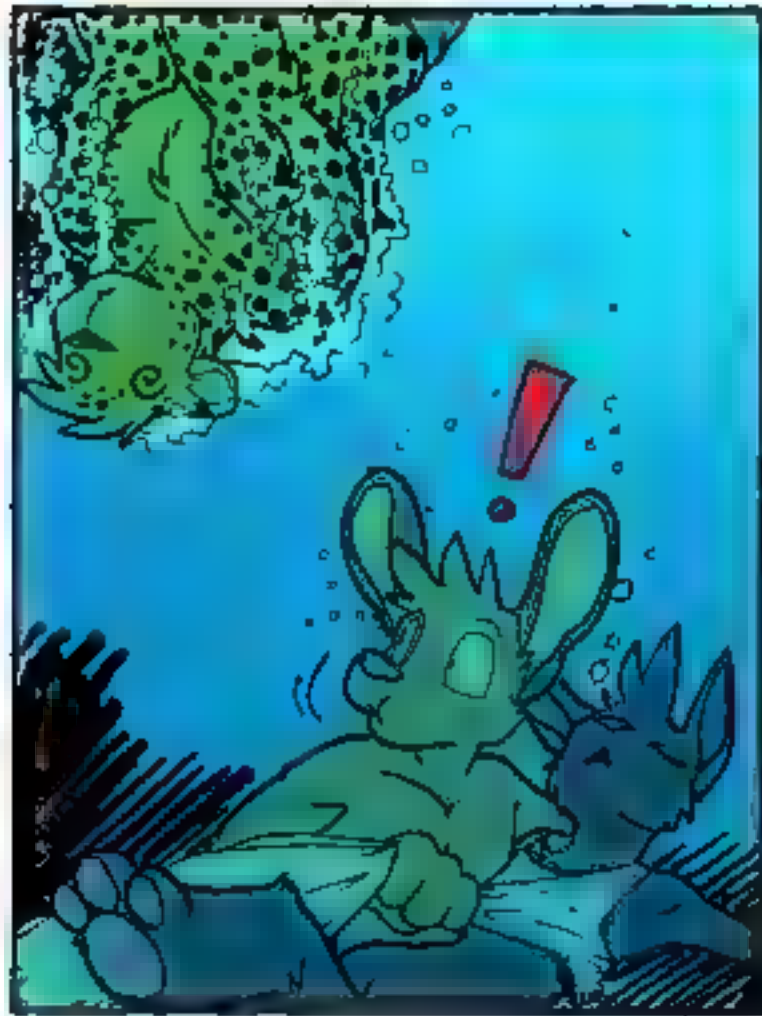
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YOU'LL SEE WHAT
YOUR IMPERTINENCE
COSTS YOU!



WOW, I
DIDN'T KNOW
CATS COULD
BEND LIKE
THAT

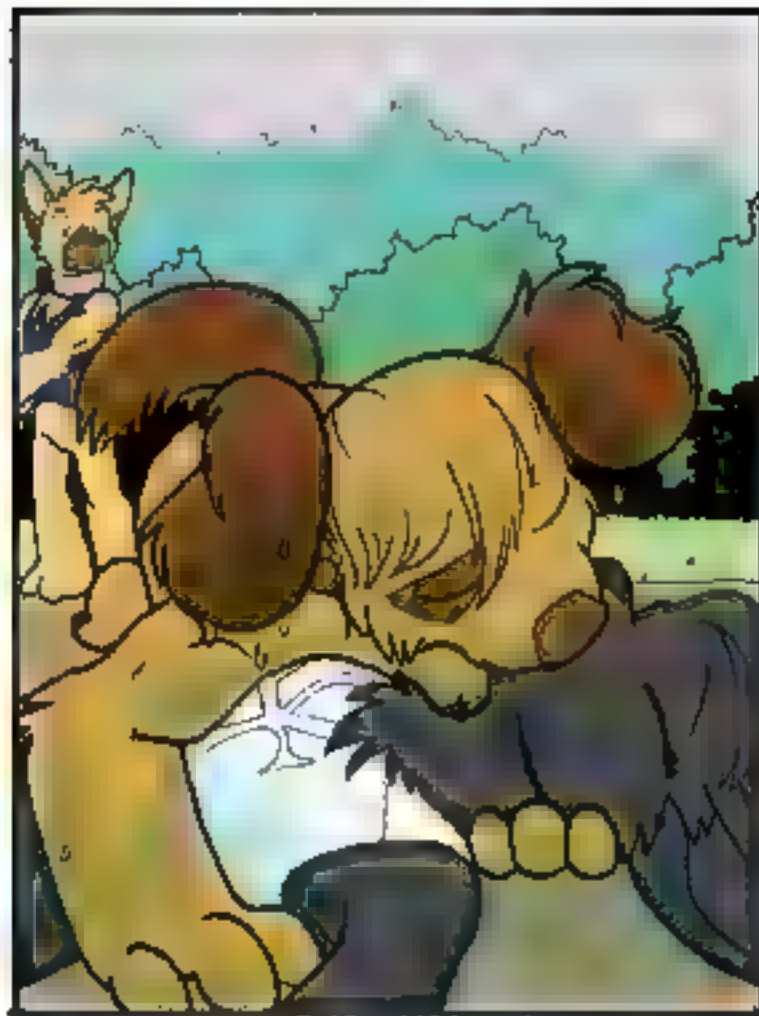


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... AND SINCE THE MILTON MANOR WAS A FERAGA EMBASSY, ALL ACTIONS ON THEIR TERRITORY WOULD, TECHNICALLY, FALL UNDER FERAGA LAW

THE INVOLVEMENT OF US CITIZENS MAY BE AN ISSUE, BUT THAT DOESN'T INCLUDE ANY OF US



SO, BEFORE YOU'RE SHUFFLED OFF ON ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE, CAN YOU EXPLAIN JUST WHAT WAS THAT STUNT YOU PULLED?

ERM...



IT'S ALL TRUE, SIR. I AM IN LOVE WITH A CAT AND I CAN'T TOLERATE THE CHARADE ANY LONGER

NO MATTER WHAT ANYONE MIGHT SAY, I REFUSE TO SURRENDER ON THIS MATTER



THAT'S GOOD!

GOOD?!



I'VE HAD MY EYE ON YOU FOR A WHILE. YOUR SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR WORRIED ME

I THOUGHT YOU WERE PARTICIPATING IN SOMETHING UNDERHANDED--OR WORSE, ILLEGAL

WHO YOU DECIDE TO SNUGGLE WITH AFTER HOURS IS NONE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S BUSINESS NOR CONCERN



BUT YOUR CHOICE TO NOT WARN YOUR SQUADMATES OF YOUR ACTIONS IS CONCERNING. WE COULD HAVE AVOIDED A LOT OF BRUISES AND PAPERWORK

SEE YOU IN THREE WEEKS



SO... DO YOU LET HER CHASE YOU? IS THAT HOW THAT WORKS?



LET THE
RECORD SHOW, BY A
VOTE OF 4-1 . . . FIDO
BYRON IS NO LONGER
A MEMBER OF THIS
COUNCIL

WE'LL BE
HOLDING NEW
ELECTIONS SOON,
WON'T WE DUTCHIE-
POO?

I SWEAR TO DOG
I'LL DUMP YOUR TAIL
IF YOU KEEP CALLING
ME THAT



HOW'D IT
TURN OUT?

I ABSTAINED.
IT WOULDN'T HAVE
MATTERED



I DON'T KNOW WHAT
TO DO! THE WORLD SEEMS
TO WORK IN ABSOLUTES, THEN IT
TURNS OUT YOU'RE OLD FRIENDS
WITH "THE WRONG SIDE"!

HAVE I BEEN WRONG
ALL THIS TIME?! HOW CAN I
EVEN BE SURE!?



I GUESS . . . ARE YOU
MORE UPSET HE'S A CAT-
LOVER, OR THAT HE KEPT IT
A SECRET FROM YOU?

OH I'M LIVID
HE KEPT THIS
FROM ME!



. . . BUT I DON'T
THINK I COULD
BLAME HIM . . .



WELL, THAT'S
SOMEWHAT
COMFORTING

WHAT'S THAT
SUPPOSED TO
MEAN?!



I KNOW WE
DIDN'T WORK OUT, BUT
THAT DOESN'T MEAN
WE HAVE TO HAVE
BAD BLOOD!

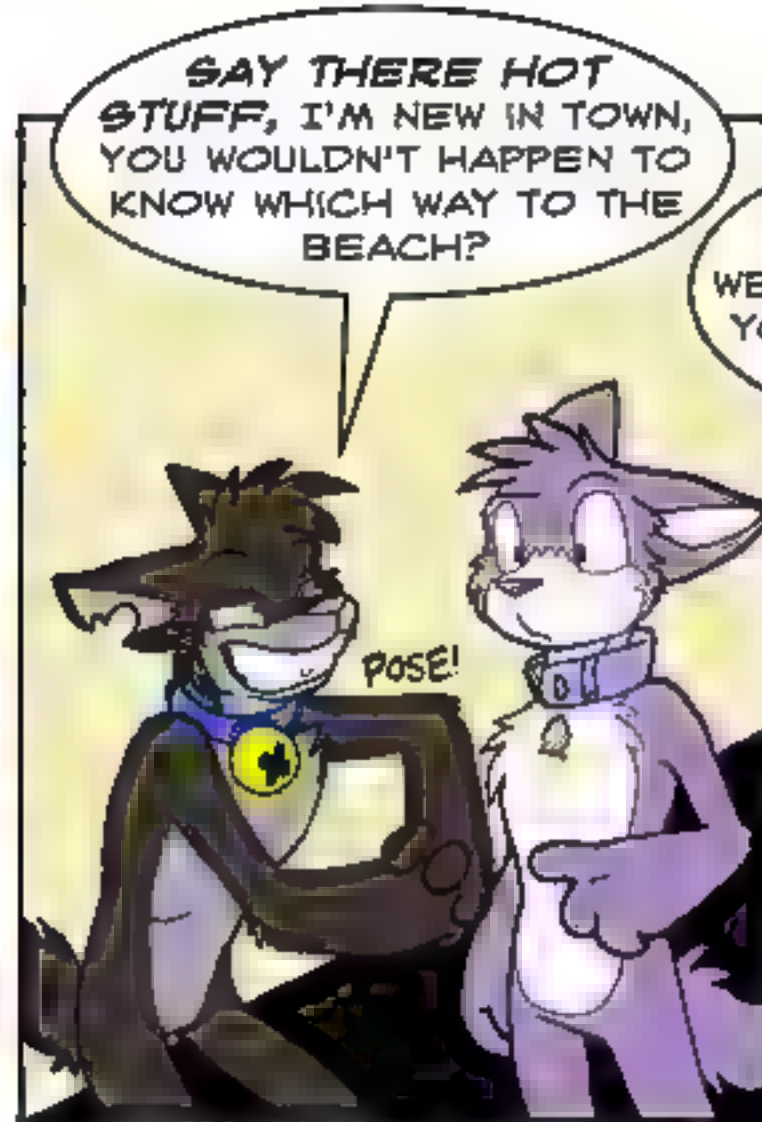
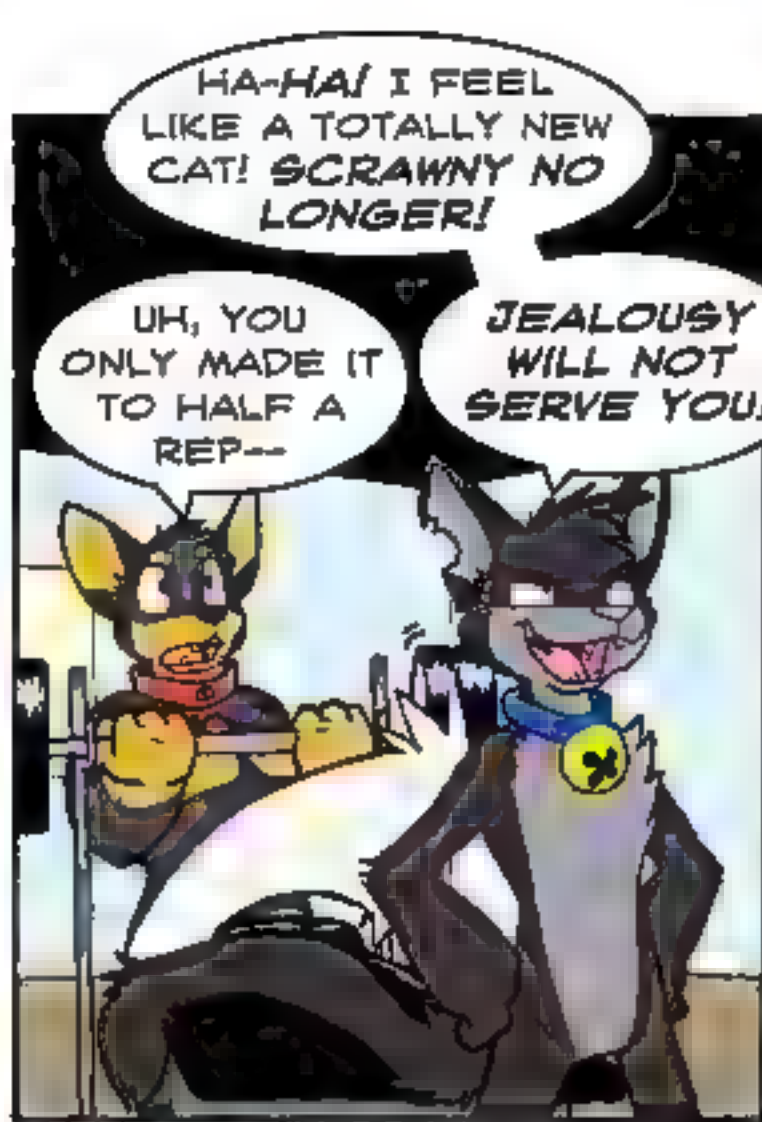
MAYBE I
COULD COME VISIT
SOMETIME!



THAT WAS
CLOSE

YOU TOLD ME
THE FRIENDZONE
WAS A MYTH!





NOW THAT
I'M OUT OF
THE BAG, YOU
THINK THINGS
WILL BE
BETTER?

OH THEY WILL . . .
JUST BEING ABLE TO
SAY I LOVE YOU MAKES
BURDENS RISE



OH NO! THE MATE OF THE
LION-DUKE DISCOVERED I FLIRTED
WITH HIM, AND SHE'S COMING HERE
FOR REVENGE!



JUUUUUST
KIDDING!

LIFTED
BURDENS ASIDE, WE
CAN'T DISCOUNT THE
FACT YOU UTTERLY
TERRIFY ME



END!

MERRY OPENERMAS JESS!

AUGH!
INK!

TO THINK I USED
TO BE HAPPIER AFTER
THE BIRDS LEFT

IT SEEMS SO
LONG AGO

BAM

Housepets!

Yes, Jessica, There
Is An Opener Of Ways

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WAIT, ISN'T OPENERMAS
IN LIKE, THREE WEEKS?

IT HELPS YOU GET IN
THE OPENERMAS SPIRIT!
IT'S A TIME TO OPEN YOUR
HEART--REALIZE THINGS WE
CAN'T SEE AFFECT US
EVERY DAY!

I AGREE!

FROSTBITE,
FOR INSTANCE

THAT'S
THE SPIRIT!

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I DON'T REMEMBER CANDLES BEING PART OF THIS

THEY'RE NEW!
THESE ARE THE
CANDLES OF
HOPE

YOU LIGHT ONE
EVERY DAY AND MAKE
A WISH ON IT!

FOR WHAT,
MORE CANDLES?

SNF

ACTUALLY, TODAY...
SIGH MY SON CONTRACTED
A FEVER LAST NIGHT

INK, UNDERSTAND YOU HAVE
MY DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

BUT INSTEAD OF WISHING FOR
MIRACLES, WOULDN'T YOUR
SON APPRECIATE, OH, I DON'T
KNOW, ~~SOME~~ PENICILLIN?

I'M NOT
AN IDIOT,
JESS

THE WISH IS
BECAUSE **FALSTAFF**
AND **TRUCK** WERE
THE ONES WHO WENT
TO FETCH IT

OKAY, PERHAPS
A TOUCH OF OPTIMISM
IS NEEDED

I KNOW WE FACE TRYING TIMES, BUT WE CAN ONLY HOPE THE OPENER WILL ANSWER US

MOM SAYS I'M GONNA BE AN ANGEL!

OH TUM, YOUR TENACITY IS INSPIRING, BUT ANGELS ARE JUST A COMFORTING LIE, SWEETIE

JESSICA!

KOFF
KOFF

WELL IT'S TRUE!

I GET THAT YOU DON'T BELIEVE IN THE OPENER BUT CAN'T YOU DO SOMETHING OTHER THAN CRITICIZE US?!

FINE! I'LL GO DO SOMETHING USEFUL!

END THIS CHARADE!
THE OPENER'S GONNA GET A PIECE OF MY MIND!

HE MIGHT NOT APPRECIATE THAT!
HE'S VEGETARIAN!

STUPID WINTER.
IF I WAS THE OPENER
OF WAYS I'D BE AN
IRRATIONAL FIGMENT
WHEN IT WAS EASIER
TO WALK . . .



ANYONE HOME?
CAN YOU TELL ME HOW
TO GET, HOW TO GET TO
"BABYLON GARDENS"?



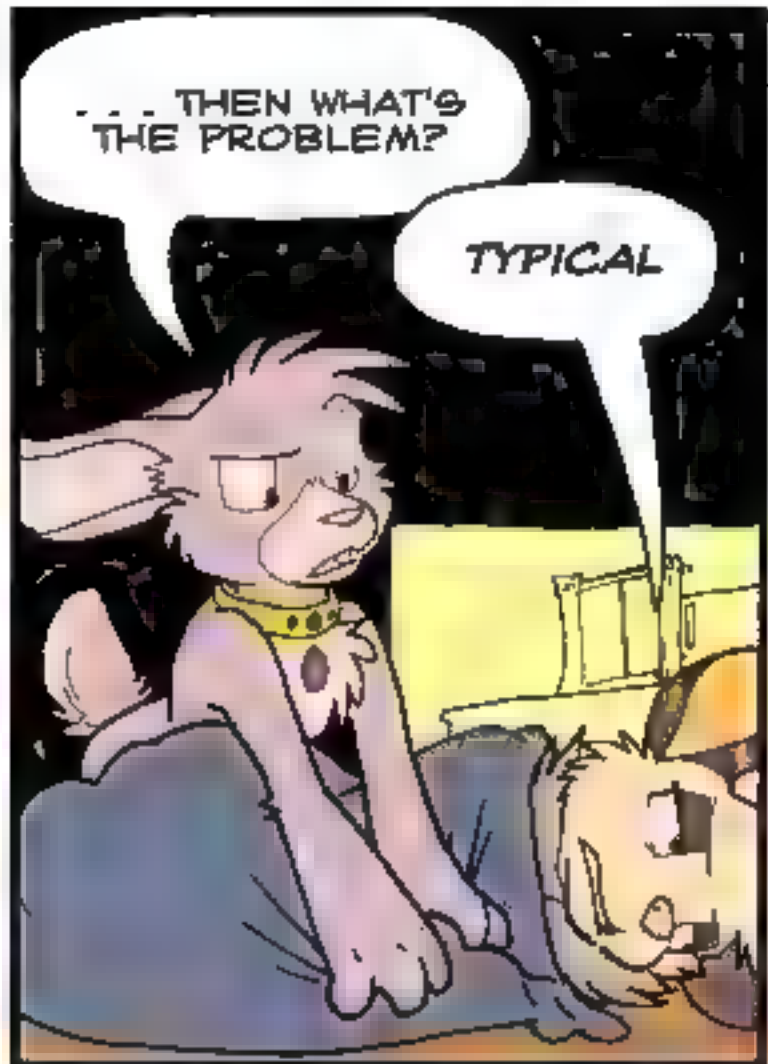
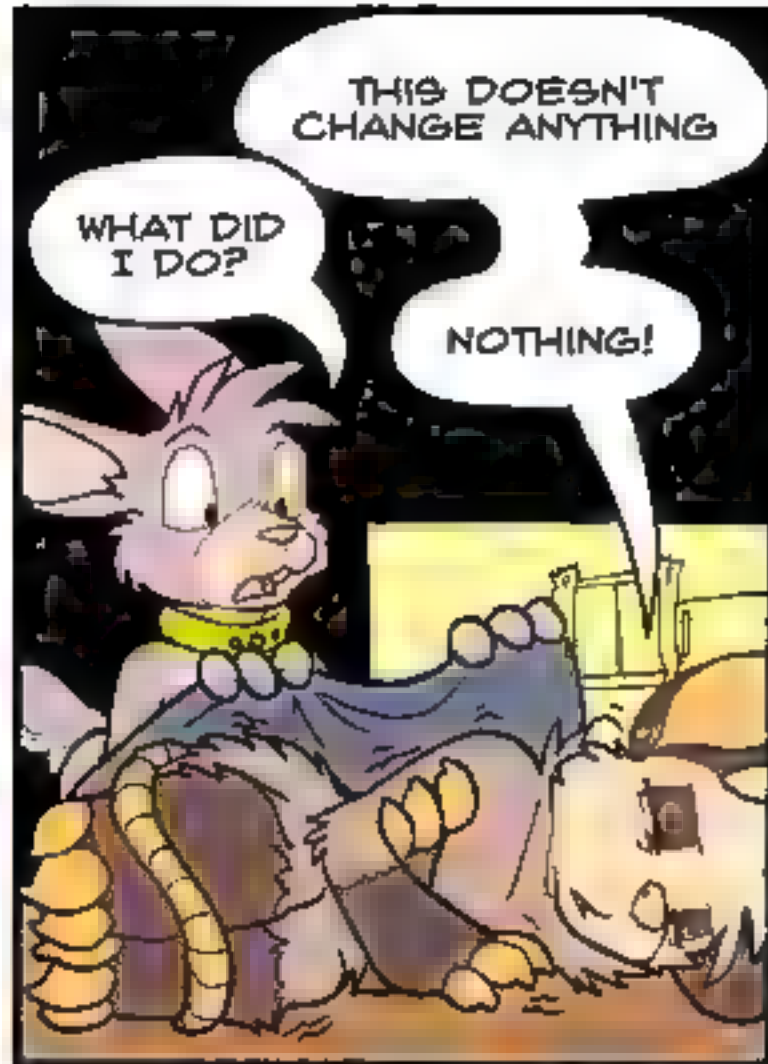
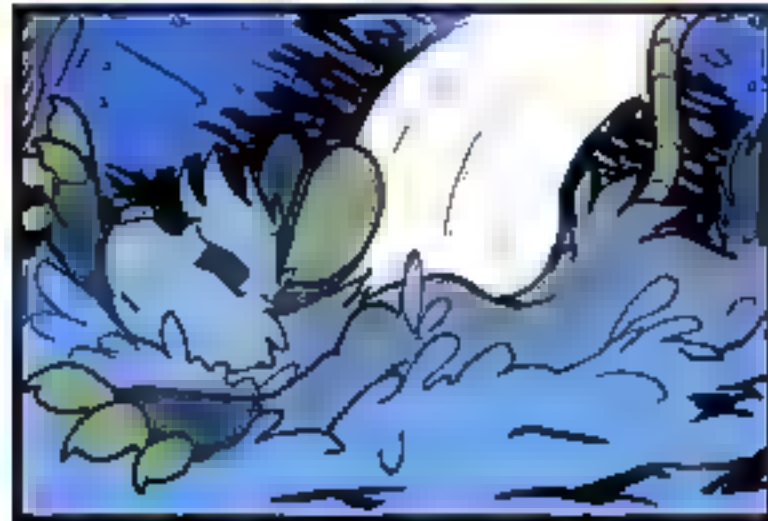
EHEHEHEHE!
TO GET TO THE OPENER'S STREET,
I'LL EXPLAIN IT IN ANAPEST FEET!
AT THE HILLTOP TURN RIGHT
AND JUST FOLLOW THE LIGHT--
WARMER HEARTS THAN YOUR OWN
WILL YOU MEET!



I DON'T MIND THE FORCED
POETRY BUT I COULD DO
WITHOUT THE UNSOLICITED
MORALIZING

YOU PLED
TO BE LED.
GO
SOAK
YOUR HEAD







EVERYONE ELSE IS
OUT CHRISTMAS SHOPPING,
SO DON'T WORRY—

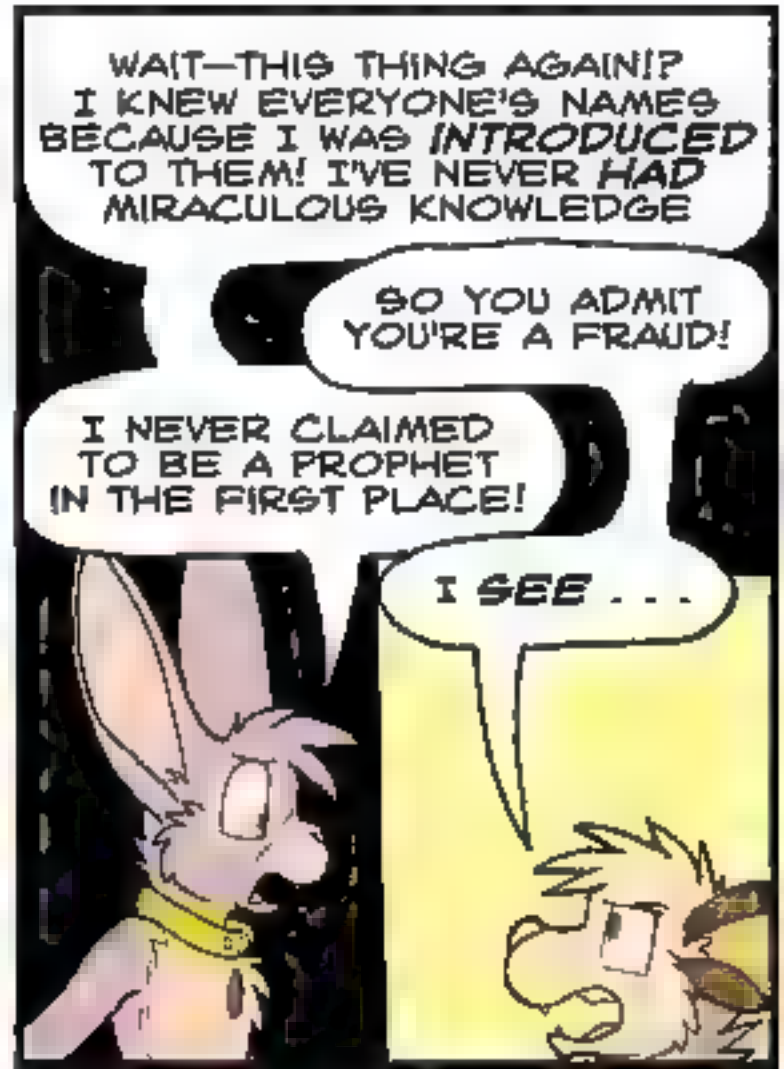
WHAT'S
"CHRISTMAS"?

PLEASE LET'S NOT
MAKE THIS ANY MORE
COMPLICATED THAN
IT IS



NOW COME ON,
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

YOU SHOULD KNOW,
"O OPENER". FOR IT IS
WRITTEN, "AND AFTER HE
WALKED THROUGH THE
WOOD, HE KNEW THEM
ALL BY NAME". TCH

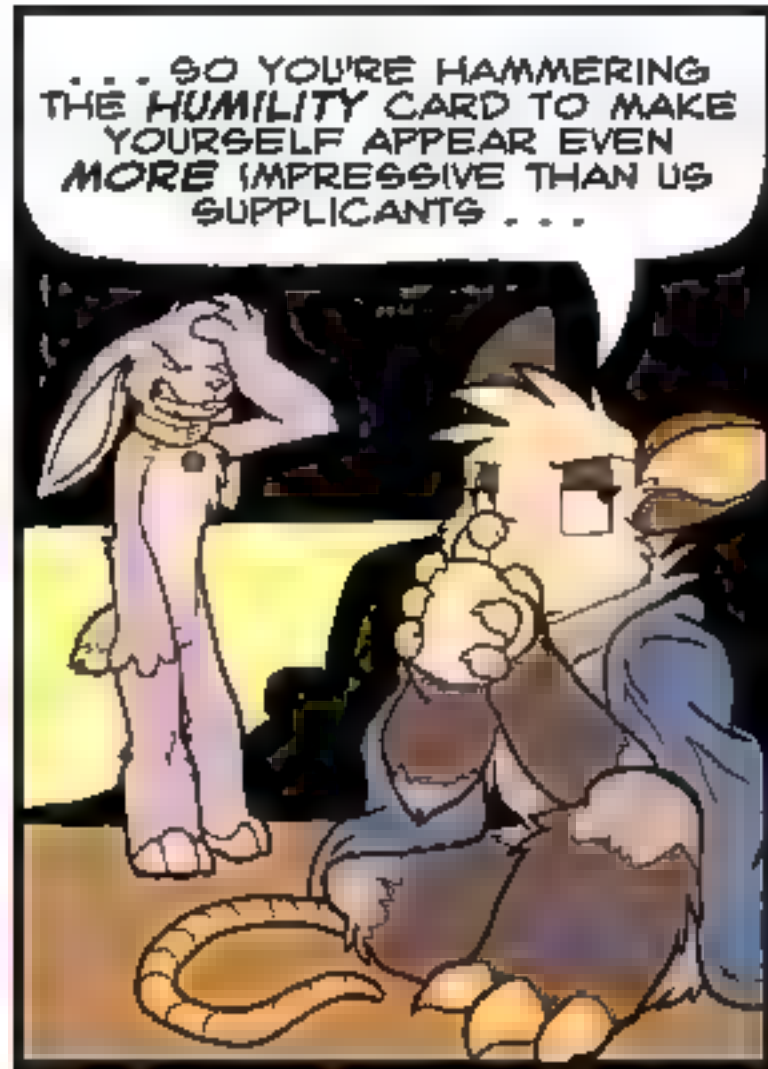


WAIT—THIS THING AGAIN?
I KNEW EVERYONE'S NAMES
BECAUSE I WAS INTRODUCED
TO THEM! I'VE NEVER HAD
MIRACULOUS KNOWLEDGE

SO YOU ADMIT
YOU'RE A FRAUD!

I NEVER CLAIMED
TO BE A PROPHET
IN THE FIRST PLACE!

I SEE . . .



... SO YOU'RE HAMMERING
THE HUMILITY CARD TO MAKE
YOURSELF APPEAR EVEN
MORE IMPRESSIVE THAN US
SUPPLICANTS . . .

CAN WE ASSUME FOR A MINUTE I'M NOT TRYING TO TRICK YOU?

THAT'S FINE. YOU HAVE A LOT TO ANSWER FOR REGARDLESS

GO ON! I APPARENTLY HAVE NOTHING BETTER TO DO

FOR ONE, WHY IS IT EVERYONE CELEBRATES OPENERMAS IN THE MIDDLE OF WINTER?

I DUNNO. I DIDN'T TELL ANYONE TO DO THAT. ALSO, WASN'T IT "OPENER'S MASS" TWO YEARS AGO?

AND WE BURN DOZENS OF CANDLES FOR IT EVEN THOUGH THEY'D GO TO BETTER USE IN OUR HOMES!

THAT'S REALLY UNFORTUNATE

MY BEST FRIEND'S CUB IS SICK AND SHE'S CLINGING TO VAIN HOPE YOU'LL SEND SOME MIRACLE

OH . . .

WELL?! WHERE ARE THE MIRACLES?!

YOU'RE SITTING HERE IN YOUR COZY CASTLE SIPPING TEA AND WATCHING TELEVISION! EVERYONE OUT THERE IS

COLD
AND ALONE
AND AFRAID
BECAUSE THAT'S THE TRUTH OF THE WORLD

. . . AND WE'RE SO AFRAID OF THE TRUTH . . .

. . . WE RUN AND HIDE FROM IT

. . . TRYING TO FIND SOME CERTAINTY TO CLING TO, BUT WE CAN'T

BECAUSE EVEN IF YOU'RE RIGHT . . .

. . . IT DOESN'T MAKE THINGS BETTER

YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT

WOULD YOU STOP AGREEING WITH ME?



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DON'T WORRY, TUM!
I'VE RETURNED WITH--



--MEDICINE



OH HEY JESS, TRUCK DID
MAKE IT BACK AFTER ALL!

HEY

ANIMAL CONTROL
PICKED UP FALS
FOR RELOCATION
AGAIN, SO, I DUNNO
WHEN HE'LL BE
BACK



OKAY
... HERE



JESS WAIT!



THANK YOU
FOR THIS

WHY? I DIDN'T
STORM OFF TO
SAVE YOUR SON



I DIDN'T EVEN THINK I
WAS *GOING* TO BE THE
HERO, BUT THEN . . .

... WELL, I GUESS
IT DOESN'T MATTER,
DOES IT?



DON'T BE SO DOWN!
I'M CERTAIN SOMEONE
ELSE WILL BECOME
DEATHLY ILL SOON!

HOW NICE

THREE WEEKS LATER

YOU HAVEN'T SAID MUCH ABOUT YOUR ENCOUNTER WITH THE OPENER!

WHAT'S TO SAY? HE WAS KIND OF A TWERP

THAT'S NOT NICE TO SAY WHEN HE WAS SO GENEROUS TO US

I'M NOT SAYING HE WASN'T NICE. ANYONE WELL-OFF CAN AFFORD TO BE NICE, IT DOESN'T MAKE HIM A SAINT

OH, THAT REMINDS ME!

WHAT'S THIS?

UM, INK, I GAVE THIS TO YOU

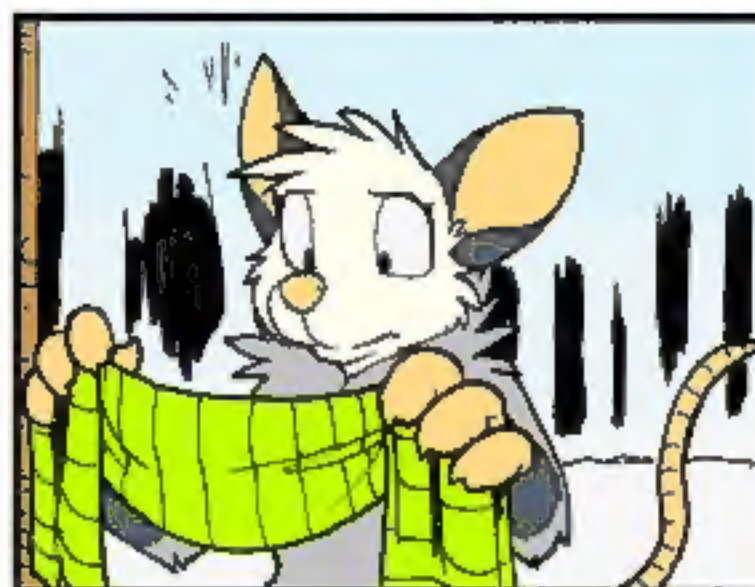
I'M ACTUALLY KINDA SURPRISED YOU DIDN'T TURN IT INTO A RELIC

I KNOW, BUT THE OPENER GAVE IT TO YOU, AND WE HAVE BLANKETS NOW, SO, IT'S YOURS AGAIN!

I'M JUST GOING TO GIVE THIS RIGHT BACK THE MOMENT YOU NEED IT!

I KNOW, HON!

HAPPY OPENERMAS!



HAPPY OPENERMAS,
ONE AND ALL!

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P.B.S.
KIDS
FREE
GUESTS

This issue will
Christmas EVER be the
same?

SPOT (superdog)

VS.

SANTA?



BUT why Santa?
I've rescued Christmas
like, so much!

It is precisely for
that reason we come
to this!

DEATHTRAP



Huh? ← (Spot (superdog))

You haven't saved Christmas once
or twice, you've saved it
TWENTY TIMES! In only five
years! Making SANTA look
incompetent by comparison!

Well I could, like, NOT
Save Christmas



WHAT?

(But saying things
is what you do.)



Yeah, but
I wouldn't
want to make
Santa feel
inadequate

I DON'T BELIEVE YOU!



Believe me, Santa...
when it comes to doing
good, you are MY
rolemodel!



And what happened
then? Well in the
North Pole they say



That the Santa's small heart
grew three sizes that day!



AND SO...

YUP, a good
thing was accomplished
here today



I WORRY IF
THIS'LL COME OFF
AS SACRELIGIOUS



Next time on Spot
Punching robots!

I DON'T THINK
THAT'S WHAT YOU
SHOULD BE WORRYING
ABOUT



